



The Robert Smith Family

Trapped on Treasure Island!

Barbados, West Indies

July 2020

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel! What an incredible month July has turned out to be.

Blessing #1- My application for Immigrant Status has been approved! I have paid the \$600 USD fee, and I am now awaiting the final official document. Praise the Lord! Once my immigrant status paperwork is completed, then we will begin to work on an application for Rhoda. As long as I stay within the rules for immigrant status, I do not believe that I will need to apply for any future work permit. It would be similar to having a green card in the States as a legal immigrant.

Blessing #2- With the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, we are able to baptize again! Miss Juan, Miss Norma, and young Dillon all have made a public profession of their faith in Christ and were baptized. Since we do not often have people who want to be baptized, this occasion was a special blessing from the Lord.

Blessing #3- I was asked to officiate at a graveside funeral recently. Since some of the family is from the States and could not fly in because of COVID-19, they had the service live-streamed for their family and friends to watch. At the end of the service, I gave an invitation for salvation and one man raised his hand signifying that he was trusting Christ! Praise the Lord!

Blessing #4- Our 12,000 John/Romans are here in the port waiting to be offloaded. \$530 was given to finish covering the cost of the printing. Two more gifts of \$100 and \$300 were given to help us with the clearing and customs costs. We are so grateful to the Lord's people for their help at this time. We are excited about this project of getting a John/Romans in every home in our parish. Pray that God would stir up many in our church to be laborers in His harvest field here.

We are still unable to mail letters via the post office to places outside of Barbados.

There are more blessings than what we can record here. We praise the Lord that we serve a great and wonderful God!

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One prayer request- We had planned to bring Buddy and Becca to the States late August to attend Bible college. That flight was cancelled due to Barbados' COVID-19 concerns. It seems at this point that Barbados' borders are closed to U.S. based flights. We have now rescheduled for September 11th. Pray that the Lord will open the doors for Buddy and Becca to begin Bible college this fall if that is His will.

Trapped on the island, trapped in His love, and **Loving** it!

Robert, Rhoda, Buddy, and Becca Smith



Miss Juan's baptism



Dillon's baptism with his father taking pictures



Miss Norma's baptism

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