

# ***The Robert Smith Family***

*Cheerfully serving on the island of*

*Barbados, West Indies*

July 1, 2022



Rhoda (in the middle) with our Haitian ladies

Greetings from Barbados! The Lord is so good to allow us to serve in His kingdom!

**The Haitian matter-**Thank you for praying for the dinner and outreach we had for our Haitian ladies. While all ten had promised to come, only five actually came. We had an abundance of food and a delightful

time in the Lord together! It was great to be able to communicate freely through Bro. Max who came to interpret for us. He, his wife, and two young sons were a good encouragement to us. They are faithful in another Bible believing church.

After we had dinner, I asked them (with Bro. Max's help) if they knew for sure that they would go to heaven. Each of the Haitian ladies present were able to give a clear testimony of their salvation. That was a blessing. We learned from them that when they left Haiti they had been promised passage into Guyana but that fell through when they arrived in Barbados. Pray that God will help them to know what they are to do. It is difficult for them as they cannot speak English and that is our language here.

**The Sunday School Curriculum matter-**We are so grateful to you for your giving and to the Lord Who has directed you in this matter. Since our last letter, we have received another **\$1,490.00!** What a wonderful boost! This brings our total received to **\$8,347.38.** All of which has been sent on to Nigeria. This sum will bring us up to **46** sets of curriculum to be given away to Nigerian independent Baptist pastors to assist them as they serve the Lord. We are almost to one third of our goal of 150 sets for 150 churches! Praise the Lord! I often receive messages of earnest thanks to the Lord and to you from these pastors as they receive their curriculum. Thank you for making a difference in their life and ministry!

An excellent question was asked about where or with whom the curriculum originated. Missionary Mark Holmes who serves in Nigeria and is a part of this project tells us about it. *"Bro. Sonny McGuffee, who started our youth camps, preached in them for 6 years, and then served as a missionary in Abuja for 3 years; compiled the material while he was the pastor of churches in Natchez (MS), Harlingen (TX), and Monroe (LA). He once served under Dr. C.R. Williams in the Central Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, MS and is now the director of Warrenton Independent Baptist Missions in Vicksburg, MS. The materials are a combination of lessons he wrote and visuals and lessons he collected from different curriculums over the years."*

Each set of curriculum covers three years of lessons, and the cost is \$180.00. These sets are printed in Nigeria and come in a plastic container to help keep them. If you would like to help in this wonderful project, please



Bro. Max and I speaking to the Haitian ladies.

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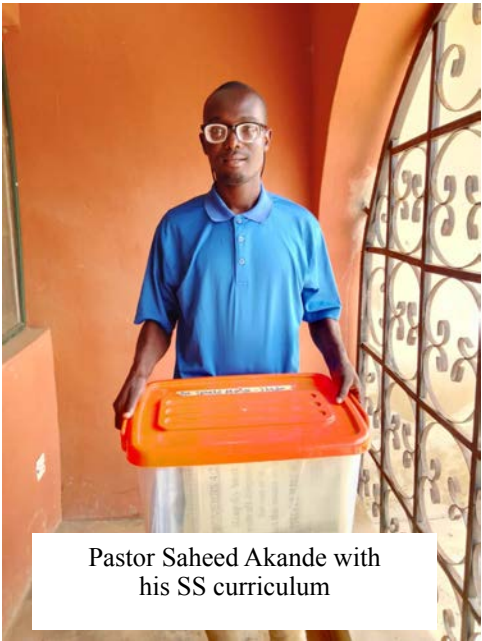
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Pastor Amos Dada with his family

send your gift to BIMI, P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341. On the memo please write Robert Smith, #639, SS. Curriculum.

While there is not room to publish every pastor's picture who receives a curriculum set, I do want you to know of Pastor Amos Dada and Pastor Saheed Akande who recently received their sets. Pastor Dada is fruit from Bro. Mark Sigstad's ministry in Ibadan many years ago. When we first went to Nigeria in 1993, Bro. Amos was already a faithful, serving young man in Bro Sigstad's church. Many times he and I went soulwinning together. His faithfulness through the years is a great blessing to me and many others.



Pastor Saheed Akande with his SS curriculum

I have written before of Pastor Saheed's life in our letters. On October 1, 1996 at Basorun market Rhoda met and invited his grandmother to our church. That day Rhoda was soulwinning with a group of our ladies when she found herself separated from them. The Muslim men and boys of the market physically grabbed her and held her while they beat her. The beating was severe enough that some of her organs were literally twisted out of place for years. After the beating, with her clothes filthy and her body in pain, she went back into the market and continued soulwinning. *That* is when she met Saheed's grandmother.

His grandmother came to church the next Sunday with little Saheed in tow. She was saved and became a very faithful part of the church bringing Saheed with her until she passed away.

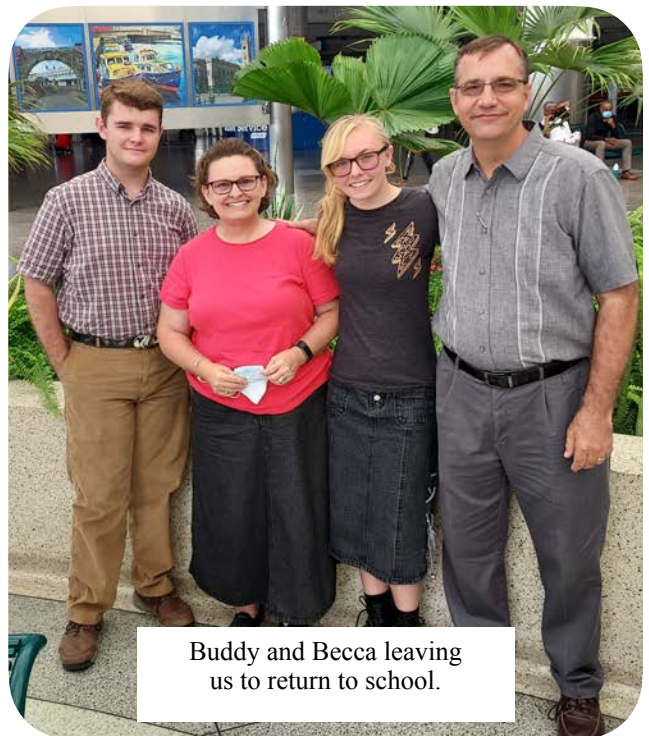
For us to see Saheed today as a young married pastor trained for the gospel and preaching the

Word is a blessing beyond what one can express! Our God is a wonderful, wonderful God!

Thank you for your investment of prayer and money so that people in Barbados and Nigeria may have a marvelous eternal future with the Lord!

Sincerely,

*Robert and Rhoda (with Buddy and Becca away on temporary foreign assignment!)*



Buddy and Becca leaving us to return to school.