



The Robert Smith Family

Good news from a Far Country
Serving joyfully on the island of Barbados
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As Buddy and I waited our turn to enter a small hardware store (with the social distancing rules stores are only allowed to have a few in the store at a time), I began to speak with the security guard. (It was a “mask-to-mask” conversation as so many conversations are these days!)

He was from Jamaica and had only been in Barbados a short time. He was not sure if heaven would be his home some day, but he wanted it to be so. What a wonderful time we had as he listened carefully to the gospel, and then he bowed his head asking Christ to be his Saviour! It was like a breath of fresh air to be able to lead someone to Christ. The opportunities to witness are very limited these days.

Barbados is still in a semi-locked-down mode. Many businesses are allowed to open, but churches are not. We stand in lines to enter many different businesses, and we are only to go out a couple of days a week with some exceptions. The island is closed off to commercial passenger airlines until June 30th.

We continue to pray that God will use these times to bring great conviction and revival to our little island. Pray for God to give us wisdom to reach people as many are fearful these days. We have had few deaths from COVID19 and less than a hundred infections. For this we thank the Lord!

When the lockdown is lifted, I would like to put a personalized John/Romans in every home in our parish as we did some years ago. The personalized covers (\$1,200) and the Scriptures (\$780.00) together would cost \$1,980.00, but the shipping here may be the greatest cost. Would you consider helping us in this project? I realize that the Scriptures can be had for free, but if we can pay for the Scriptures, then that will help Bearing Precious Seed to provide for others who cannot.

In our family devotions, we pray for our church people by name, our own supported missionaries, and you our supporters. Thank you for your sacrificial giving and, even more so, for your prayers during this difficult time!

May the Lord strengthen you and enable us all to accomplish the work that He has put before us.

Locked *in* the island of Barbados, but locked *on* to the Lord Jesus Christ,

Robert, Rhoda, Buddy, and Becca Smith

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