



# *The Robert Smith Family*

*Cheerfully serving on the island of*

## *Barbados, West Indies*

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Our church celebrated its 17th anniversary on the last Sunday of October. We had a blessed time remembering what the Lord has done through the years. There were some sweet testimonies of God's grace in their lives, and some wonderful memories of those who have gone on before us to heaven.

A funny memory of the past- for thirteen years, we met in an old wooden school building. It was not uncommon for me to lose the attention of the people while I preached as they watched large rats running across the rafters behind me! It would crack us all up with laughter. How can a fellow compete with things like that running around? It was funny. It is always amazing how God can bring a bit of joy and laughter to people with burdened hearts.

Rhoda had the privilege of leading two young girls to Christ in Sunday School this month! Pray for Tahira (9 years old) and her cousin Adara (11 years old). I had the privilege of leading Tahira's mother and stepfather to Christ. They are the Holders of whom we wrote in our last letter. They have come a number of times on Sunday mornings now.

I also had the privilege of witnessing to a young teenaged man who trusted Christ. A couple of weeks later I was able to witness to his mother and she too trusted Christ. She is a nurse and works often on Sundays. Pray that God will help them to come and grow at church. The Lord gave me a total of six that trusted Christ this month.

Prayer requests: 1. Fifty new faithful converts. 2. Ten married couples. (Those first two requests would be like a moving of a mountain here.). 3. Rhoda's health. Her arthritic pain has intensified and she has severe debilitating headaches most mornings. 4. Buddy and Becca in Bible college.

We will have a Sunday School program in December. Pray that God will motivate the people to go after others. We are yet under a number of covid restrictions here. There are thousands who are positive for covid these days and hundreds of new cases are announced daily. We are very grateful though that we can continue to hold services even with restrictions.

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Thank you for the kind cards and emails about my birthday. They are much appreciated! What joy they bring!

One of our faithful soulwinning ladies, Barbara Francis, has great difficulty walking. Her knees cause her great pain yet she is in church for every service and every Saturday for soulwinning. Two Saturdays ago, she was in such excruciating pain that she could not even walk from the van into the church for our soulwinning meeting. I brought a chair to her and she sat by the van weeping for pain. We prayed together, and I went inside and held our meeting. When we finished thirty minutes later, we came back to the van. After we got her back in the van, I told her that I would take her home. She fiercely refused to go home. She said, "Pastor, I came to go soulwinning and I intend to do just that! God has eased the pain a bit, and so let's get going!" And so we did. So many times I have found that the the greatest sermons are preached by the lives of God's people!

Thank you for your generous giving and faithful prayers for these many years. Barbara trusted Christ about 14 years ago in her living room. She has been faithfully bearing fruit ever since. She is fruit to your account!

Joyfully serving on the island of Barbados,

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