

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We hope you are doing well and rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord. It's hard to believe that this year only has three months remaining! What a reminder to redeem the time!

We have had a good month in Berean Baptist Church. First of all, we saw **Josue**, a 10-year-old boy that comes with his grandma, accept Christ as his Savior. Later, one of our men brought **Benjamin**, someone he knew from work, and after a few services and visits he received Christ also! He has left the Island now, but we are still in contact with him. Then, one of our ladies came in contact with an Aruban man, **Paul**, that had gotten in touch with her about a health product and after a while the conversation led to spiritual things. She then referred him to Matt, and one evening he came to visit. After a four hour visit on our front porch he also trusted Christ as his Savior! Apart from the obvious reason of reaching three souls for God's glory, is the fact that all of these people were brought by our church people! It was a joy to see their excitement upon knowing that their efforts for the Lord had born fruit.

One of our youth has several friends that claim to be atheists, that are really agnostics, who have agreed to have meetings with Matt to discuss these issues. So far, they have met twice, and each time seems to end favorably. Please pray for **Vaughn** and his friends that the Lord would work in their hearts and lives.

The Bible institute has been in progress for three weeks now. There are two classes with 20+ students in each class. We are expecting a good semester.

Please pray for **Jovanny and Lily**. They are a couple that have started attending Berean that have been out of church for some time now. He is an air conditioner technician and we contracted him to fix some church airs. It's amazing to see how the Lord brings about contacts.

As a church, we have been going door to door every other Friday. There have been as few as 5 to as many as 15 people take part in going out. We've seen no immediate results, although some have definitely shown interest, but we are pleased to be making a presence and an availability to the community. We ask you to pray that more of our church people would take an interest in this ministry, but mostly that we would see some fruit from this outreach.

This past Sunday we celebrated Grandparent's Day during our services. Although we

as a church had invited many people, only three visitors came, but we still had a wonderful day honoring all of the grandparents with a gift, and a meal. One of the visitors had visited off and on throughout the summer but hasn't come in several weeks. She brought her mother who was very interested in returning. We'd appreciate your prayers for both of the ladies, **Yaneth and Trinidad.**

**We are still in the decision-making process concerning the rent and the building. It looks as though the owner will allow us to continue a month by month until we find a new location, but we can't be there much longer.** We've only had one option so far, and not all of the people are in agreement with it. **Please continue to pray for the Lord's direction and open doors in this area.** We've had a few special offerings come in to help in the mean-time and we really do appreciate your concern and generosity!

The family is doing well. The kids are in the school routine, and over-all growing. We've had several teeth and ear issues happening, but for the number of teeth and ears in this family, that's not surprising. The pregnancy is going well; Naomi's sickness has mostly subsided for which we are all grateful. It's always good when things start returning to normal. Matt's health has its ups and downs, but lately nothing serious.

May the Lord bless each of you as you continue to serve where you are. We pray for you often also. We truly are grateful for your participation in this ministry and our lives.

Yours in Christ,

The Shields Family