



# The Bartley Family

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Dear Praying Friends,

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Greetings from Saint Lucia!

New Area of Ministry:

Let me get started by telling you about our new ministry project. A project that has been on my heart and I have been praying about for some time now. This past July, I was able to secure a building to begin what I call "The Shop". We want to be able to take some young men and train them in a trade that maybe one day they could use. Wood working has become a hobby for me and I wanted to be able to teach other young man (and ladies too!) how to work in this area. We were given an opportunity to be on the local TV news to be able to discuss our desire of opening up this new shop. Once our building was secured with new burglar bars, doors and locks, I started moving over all my tools and supplies. Because of the news coverage, right away we received orders for some of the wood working projects we have been working on. We are only at the beginning stages of this new project and have one young man that I have begun to teach and is working with me. I am praying for this shop to be a great opportunity to get some young people off the streets, teach them how to work and of course the ultimate goal is to lead them to the One who can save them from an eternity in without the Lord! Thank you for praying with us for this new ministry!



Summer Activities:

We also had a wonderful teen group here from Fostoria Baptist Church in Michigan. As well as a young lady from Ontario the end of July into August. With their help, we were able to have two Vacation Bible Schools. One in our church in Dennery, Whosoever Baptist Church, and one at Bruceville Baptist Church. We have not been able to have VBS since 2019 and it was great to be able to start it up again. Also, this was our first one at Bruceville Baptist Church! Praying that we will see some fruit of our labours in these children in the future.





We appreciated all of the help that this group was able to provide this year. They worked very hard while they were here and did not complain. They also were a great help with moving all of my shop tools and equipment over to the new shop.

It is always a blessing when you see young people grow in the Lord. We are very proud of Sherekhan (aka Coco) here. He has been growing in the Lord. Studying Gods Word together and having classes with him each week has been a tremendous encouragement. A couple of weeks ago he was able to preach his first sermon! He did a good job and we are proud of him. Please continue to pray for him as he learns more about Gods Word and leadership.



#### Prayer Requests:

- Please continue in prayer for both of our churches. My wife and I have begun to pray for one new family for Whosoever Baptist Church and for the growth of the folks that are already there.
- My wife has started a Bible Study with a lady in our home.
- Spiritual growth for our folks at Bruceville Baptist Church

Once again, we thank you for your faithful, continued prayer and financial support. We are blessed beyond measure to be your missionaries in St. Lucia.

Wes and Faith-Ann Bartley