

THE SMITH FAMILY

Parents- Bro. Robert S. & Sis. Rhonda S.

Children- Becca & Buddy



Left to right:

Bro. Robert S., Sis. Rhonda S., Becca & Buddy

OUR MISSIONARY

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Dear Folks at Coldwater Baptist Church,

I praise the Lord that you all are taking this time to focus on world wide missions. We, the Smith family, are grateful for the prayers and support that you all have given on our behalf over these many years.

The Lord has been so good to us here in Barbados of late. It seems that every time we turn around He is working in another's heart, building a dear saint here or there, and bringing another soul to Him. One of our faithful men, Keith Beckles, is a very quiet man. He is almost shy around people. He is a convert of another man in our church, Selwyn Maynard. I led Keith to Christ, but it was Selwyn who brought him to church. Keith is near 60 years of age, and he has been coming for about 3 years. He rarely misses a service unless he is working. A few weeks ago, Keith came to me and told me that he would like to learn to pray. Would I teach him? I was delighted to do so. So for the past several weeks he and I meet in a local park, we open the Bible, and I teach him a lesson on prayer. He comes to our "class" hungry to learn. It blesses my soul!

Today, as Matthan Hall and I were out knocking on doors, I stopped to speak to a man building a house. I invited him to church and gave him a John/Romans booklet. He said to me, "Aren't you the fellow that meets Keith Beckles in the park every week?" I was surprised! I had no idea that anyone else was watching. We never know do we? This fellow said to me, "You are doing a good work. And God will make sure that it comes back to you." Encouraging words from a total stranger. Wow.

Last week I was calling people who may need a ride to church so that I could line up rides for them. (We only have a 12 passenger van, and it is full to overflowing already. So I am always seeking folks with cars to pick up those who would like to come but have no ride.) One young lady, Rashida Maynard who is 24 years old, has recently been coming to church. She came ten years ago for a while, and then she stopped. And now she is back most Sunday mornings. When I called her to see if she needed a ride to church, she said that yes she is coming, and so is her friend! Would I please call her friend? When I asked about her friend's name, I learned it was a lady of the same age, Shona Dunner, who began coming in January of 2015, and then quit coming to church. Boy, was I surprised! Shona wanted to come to our church?! Well, Shona came, enjoyed it, and told me as we took her home, "Pastor, I'll see you next week!" Wow. The work that God can do in the hearts of people is absolutely amazing.

May I encourage you to continue being faithful right in your place at Coldwater Baptist Church! God is working in you and through you for His glory! One day we will have the wonderful opportunity to see it all then as He already sees it now.

Robert Smith

MISSION FIELD FACTS

Population- 290,000

Language- English

Religions- Anglican

Exports- Tourism

