



Our 27th Wedding Anniversary Family Picture June 4, 2015

# ***The Robert Smith Family***

*serving our Lord  
joyfully on the island of  
Barbados, West Indies  
June 2015*

***I Tim. 6:17 "trust in...the living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."*** He does give us all an abundance of blessings! There is so much for which to give Him thanks, and here are a few things for which we give thanks..

Rhoda and I recently celebrated our **27th** wedding anniversary! Our family enjoyed having family pictures taken that day, and then a trip to Burger King! We had a grand time together. I am so glad that it does not take much

to make my wife and children happy. They are a very contented lot. If you would like a digital copy of our newest family picture, please just send me an email with family picture in the subject line, and I will send it off to you. Also, if you would be interested in receiving our letter via email instead of through the postal system, please let us know.

**It was 25 years ago** this month that we were accepted as BIMI missionary candidates! We want to express our gratitude to each person who works in the BIMI Home Office for their unfailing help and encouragement all these many years. You all are a wonderful group of unsung heroes who have helped to make worldwide evangelism a reality for many people.

**Another blessing-** This year will be the first time that we will be able to purchase the children's A Beka Curriculum for the upcoming school year without going into debt (\$2,100.00). It stretches every resource we have, but I am so glad that God is helping us, and the children really enjoy school.

**We will be Stateside** from July 14th this year until August 6th. Rhoda's niece, Laura Towne, is getting married, and our tickets were paid to come to the wedding! We are looking forward to seeing some of our churches, and being able to attend a godly Christian wedding.

**We are praying** that we will be able to take part in the 20th anniversary of the Victory Independent Baptist Church of Ibadan, Nigeria in June 2016. God enabled Rhoda and I to start that church, and many blessings have come from the work that God did there. The one of the larger financial hurdles will be the cost of the plane tickets. Please pray that God would make a way for us. It would be a great encouragement to our Nigerian pastors and to us.

**Blessings upon blessings!** As I have mentioned in other letters, Matthan Hall, a faithful man in our church, and I take Thursdays to knock 150 doors each week. Since we started this late January, we have missed very few Thursdays doing so. I always end that day with a bit of a crispy sunburn, but it has been well worth it. I just wanted to share with you some of what God has done for us through this.

Bro. Matt met and invited **Kathy-Ann Small** in February. She and her children, Sierra and Kristian were already saved and looking for a church. They have become very faithful, and she goes to the hospital soulwinning with us each Tuesday. Recently, Kristian left his house without his mother's permission. He was gone for sometime. Mom and sister were worried because that was not like him. After quite a



Kathy Ann Small and her children Sierra and Kristian with Bro. Matthan Hall

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while he came home, and his mom was quite perturbed until he told her the reason he left. He told her that he went to walk with God, and along the way, he found a bench and he and God just talked. That made for a very happy mom!

I knocked on **Lashanna Paul's** door last February. She trusted Christ, and began coming faithfully each Sunday evening. Recently she has been having seizures. Please pray for Lashanna and her health.

We met **Philip Lewis** one day as we were knocking doors. He had lost his job, and he was home with nothing to do. He was willing to listen to the gospel. Philip trusted Christ that day, and he has been faithful each Sunday since. Also, he began bringing a friend, Paul. Paul, is a chemotherapy patient, and he comes to church wearing a white surgical mask hoping to avoid the germs that we may pass to him in his weakened state. He has been coming faithfully!

I met **Mark Alleyne** one Thursday as Matthan and I were out knocking on doors. Mark is a bit slow mentally, but he trusted Christ as his Saviour. He is a joy to have at church; he always has a smile for you.

**Rosita and Rose** are neighbors, and we knocked on their doors the same day. I was later privileged to lead Rose to Christ as Rosita had already trusted Christ. Both carry some heavy burdens, but they are such cheerful people. Pray for Rosita and Rose please.

God has been so good lately. The church is full both with people and with joy. The people look for ways to serve each other, and to meet each other's needs. Each Sunday evening a number of people will quote Bible verses that they have memorized during the week. We have been praying for revival and the outpouring of the Spirit for years. We are seeing more fruits of His working in our midst.

Thanks to each of you who have prayed for us and have helped to support us for these many years. Both here in Barbados and in Nigeria, there are many people who have trusted Christ and whose lives have been changed because God has been gracious to use our partnership together. Blessings on you all, **Robert, Rhoda, Buddy, and Becca Smith**



Lashanna Paul with Rhoda and I



Philip Lewis and Bro. Matthan



Rosita Bailey, Rose Herbert, and myself



Mark Alleyne and myself

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