

Trinidad Project – December 2019

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Dear Prayer and Ministry Partners, Merry Christmas to all of you from a very warm and wet Trinidad. We are excited to bring you up to speed with what has been happening on our end.

Hope Community Church celebrated 9 years since our launch on November 14, 2010. Meela and I, together with our kids and church family are deeply grateful to the Lord for those of you who continue to believe in what God is doing in our lives here in Trinidad.



Hope Community Church has grown to an average of about 140 people

with 5 functioning small groups, a Men's Leadership Development track, a Women's Coffee Morning Bible Study, a Youth ministry and a thriving KidZone on Sundays.

Our School of Discipleship Classes on Tuesday nights continue to establish our people in their faith. This last season we offered Foundations for Life - a Bible Doctrine Class.







Vacation Bible School 2019



Last July we hosted for the first time a Vacation Bible School @

HCC. We were assisted by a team from Community Church of St. Lawrence S. Dakota, sent out by Frontier School of the Bible WY. They were a huge blessing to our church and we saw an attendance of 105 kids.



Over 50 kids trusted Christ as their Saviour. Praise the Lord! We can't wait for the next one in 2020.

Leaders Appointed @ Hope Community Church



At our annual Church Family Weekend Retreat in September, we

appointed 5 men into leadership (1 elder – Max & 4 deacons: Timmy, Dale, Christopher and Justin). It's exciting to see one of our goals for leadership being accomplished – to have an established church with 3 elders and 4 deacons by 2020. What a blessing to have these faithful men now come on board to share the responsibilities of the ministry.

We thank God for our local sending church - St. Augustine Evangelical Bible Church as well as for Mission Church PA for training and coaching us to this point. We are grateful for our mission board Tentmakers Bible Mission for being an umbrella over us in prayer, counselling, mentorship and equipping. And a special thanks to all of you who continue to pray and to support us while we work to build a multiplying church here on the island of Trinidad.

Update on the Heerah Family . . .



Justin (23 yrs.) has completed his first semester of his Junior year at Cedarville University. He came home for

5 weeks at the beginning of the Summer. We were really encouraged to see the growth and development of his heart for the Lord and the ministry of worship. He led our church in worship and did some more training with the team and some upgrading of our Tech Dept. We are truly excited to see how the Lord will further develop and lead him. At this point he will sit out a semester in the Spring and return home to assist the church. He has a real burden to serve his home church with all he has learned so far. We will trust the Lord to provide for the fall of 2020.



Joseph, now 19, has graduated from High School and is exploring his options for pursuing a career in aviation. He is working part time at a restaurant. Please pray with us as we seek to support him with God's help. He leads our Worship Tech ministry and also serves as a Youth Ministry intern.

Charissa turned 14 on October 26 and is growing up into a fine young lady. She started her 3rd year of Secondary School and has adjusted well. She has a passion for baking but is leaning in the area of Pharmaceuticals. Charissa sings with worship team and serves as an assistant with the KidZone Ministry.

We are doing well as a couple. In October, we both had the opportunity to visit Cedarville University for a Pastor's Conference. We were also there in time for Justin's birthday. We visited with Ronnie's mom in New York, Meela's sister and her family in Lancaster PA, as well as an overnight visit with the Morts, our dear friends from Florida Bible College. At Cedarville, we got to meet some of Justin's closest friends and had them over one evening for a Trini dinner. We also got to spend some precious time with Dr. Roger O'Neel and his family and Susan Plemons, two of Justin's professors. We are so thankful for their generous hospitality in hosting us and for watching out for Justin while at Cedarville.



On our return to Trinidad we celebrated our Church's 9th Anniversary with Paul Goodnight, a very dear friend from Florida Bible

College, as our guest speaker. It was so refreshing to visit with Paul after 6 years.

In mid November, Ronnie came down with the flu that lasted for about 10 days and after a doctor's visit we found out it had led to pneumonia. It was a long 3 weeks of recovery and it left him feeling very weak but he is regaining strength by the day. Thank God for the men of the church who stepped up and kept things flowing smoothly. God is building His Church!

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Our financial monthly support.
- 2. Our family's safety as crime is on the rise and seems uncontrollable at times.
- *3. Guidance and provision for Justin to finish College.*
- 4. Wisdom and provision for Joseph as he pursues his passion in Aviation.
- 5. More men of Hope to prove themselves spiritually ready for leadership in the church.
- 6. Multiplication of Small Groups from 10 to 20 in 2020.
- 7. Vision of an area for a new church plant in 2021.

If you would like to partner financially, please visit: www.tentmakersbiblemission.org and see options for giving to the work here. All checks or other forms of giving must be designated to the "Trinidad Project."

We would love to hear from you. We truly appreciate all your love, support and prayers over the last 24 years. May God continue to bless you.



Remember we have a Saviour who is Christ the LORD. Have a very Merry and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2020 for the Mission.

Ronnie, Meela. Justin, Joseph and Charissa