

A New Soul Added

Ilene Williams... a sister,



On Sunday January 13th, 2019 Ilene Williams became a member of Christ's body. She was one

of the hearts in whom the seed was planted in 2018 but was reluctant at the time to make the change. We prayed for her regularly not knowing that the seed was going to be given increase by God.

Ilene is a single mother of five children; three of whom are still minors in her care. I have been working slowly with her 15 year old son Audrick on the beginnings about God and see potential in him. Like all new babes, there are challenges Ilene faces. She was unemployed for nearly one year. Fortunately, Ilene was blessed with work recently. However she works during meeting times and is struggling with the amount of services she is missing.



Shameika has been in studies with a cousin who is nearing the end rapidly. He is asking pertinent questions based on their studies like "who decides these men and women today can be Apostles?" and "So all the people, Anglicans, Catholics, Baptists, they are doing those rituals for nothing?" He has expressed shock and keeps asking, "how did we get so far from the Bible though?"

Men interested in doing God's will are hard to come by and we are always especially glad for studies like this. This young man is very close and we are praying he has a heart ready to go against the religious grain and stand on the side of righteousness.

One of the studies happening as well is with a young lady named Terrell who is the niece of the new convert Ilene. She is a recent high school graduate with no steady work and therefore lots of time on her hands. She studies one hour weekly and has been consistent in those studies. She is open and seeking which is a great framework for a new Christian.

An interesting study has ensued is with a young man named Michael who is eager to study but works two jobs. We have only studied once so far for lack of availability. He will need to make time to continue. The short of it is: at the end of the study, he asked, in all seriousness, "how much do I owe you?" This was funny, shocking sad all at once. There is clearly a need for more workers in the Lord's vineyard here in Grand Bahama. I didn't charge him

What's happening in the EMR COC



We hosted the first of 12 Bring a Friend Sundays on January 20th! We were encouraged to have eight visitors! We are a small and new congregation of

about ten Christians so this was a blessing. The sermon was eye-opening for everyone except a former co-worker with whom I did a few lunch-time studies in the past. The sermon topic was "One— The Most Controversial Number" and we discussed the oneness of the church in Scripture. Everyone who visited said they certainly would come again. We got contact information for everyone as well! We will hopefully be able to initiate studies as a result of this effort! We are looking forward to next month!

The plan to study with the family in Hanna Hill will commence in February. This will include knocking the doors of everyone that lives through the corner where I grew up which will take not more than one week. Hopefully it will be productive.

In addition, as part of the Bring-a-friend days we will be door-knocking in the community the week before each one to personally invite as many as we can reach. Each of these Sundays is followed by a pot-luck meal and we are hoping based on the first one where we did not door-knock and got an excellent turnout, we will reach even more people! The goal is NOT to fill up a room to capacity one Sunday during the month but rather to gain as many contacts as we can for people who may be interested in studying one-on-one.

Other News

On January 31st at 8:30 p.m. our fourth child was born. She is a healthy baby girl weighing 7pounds 2.5 ounces and stretches 21.46 inches long. Her delivery was normal and fast. She is three days old resting a lot. She is sweet and her sisters adore her. She is "so small and cute" they say every thirty minutes. We are thankful and so very blessed by a giving and gracious God. Her name is

Faithful Leigh Hanna



Prayer Requests

Please pray that: 1) Ilene will be able to find new work with better hours 2) Our ongoing studies will be productive. 3) Faithful Leigh will continue to be healthy. 4) This work be of God and not of men (Acts 5:38-39)!

We love you and thank God for you always (Philippians 1:3).

Tavare Hanna and Family

