

WISE

Windward Islands School of Evangelism

A QUICK GRADUATION ADMIST COVID-19

It's still surreal for us to believe all that is going on around the world. On our small island, it all seemed so far away. But each day brought something new – one day there was one case, and now over 20 here in Barbados. Most things have shut down – schools, churches, etc. In a way, the campus seems so peaceful and removed from it all. (If you have not visited us, we are in the country with fields surrounding us). It's really a very secluded and good place to be in all this turmoil and so some staff have remained and we are very thankful for their commitment to remain and help the school. Classes are continuing for now, a few may have to be online for the instructors not on campus. We do ask for your prayers in this, as one of our full-time students is off campus and a nurse at the local hospital. So, we pray she is kept safe.

After starting to hear of the spread, the staff quickly changed gears and decided to accelerate our 2nd year students and have them graduate early so they could return home. Even though their flights were canceled, we were able to have a small celebration for all their hard work and accomplishments before gatherings were shut down. The graduates' plans include ministry as a lawyer, preaching help in a home church in Barbados, youth ministry, and beginning a ministry to teach and do seminars in churches throughout Haiti. We are so excited to hear the impact they have in their countries, churches, and communities!



Student Highlight

Bro Josue Branche was encouraged by his pastor to attend WISE. He is enjoying the fellowship of the campus, learning time management, Bible classes, and sports. If you come looking for him after classes, you can almost always find him in the garden. He is currently providing the school with big harvests of cucumbers and okra. He hopes to return to his home country and become a lead pastor. He encourages other students to be courageous and make the necessary changes needed to attend WISE.



THE GROUP DOES IT AGAIN

It was a down year for groups, and this month our last three groups had to cancel due to all the travel restrictions. We were sad not to have them, but we were able to host a mixture of four churches through Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in February. Their group is always such a blessing. They hosted an annual Ladies Conference for two days with Sis Linda Mirante encouraging the local women here. They also tore up 2,000 square feet of old flooring and laid new tile; moved countless pieces of furniture in and out of the cafeteria; trimmed 8 doors down; added and rewired numerous outlets, fix fans and security lights; painted the boys dorm; planted flowers; held countless sewing classes making backpacks, pants and dresses; fixed door knobs and so much more in just six days!



BITTERSWEET CHANGE

After completing their two-year commitment to WISE, Br. Joe and Sis Rickie will be leaving us to continue ministry at a church we dearly love, and which faithfully supports WISE-- Dayspring Christian Church in Ft. Collins, CO. Sis Rickie will continue pursuing her nursing degree. Br. Joe and Sis. Rickie have added so much depth to WISE through their Bible studies, classes, and fellowship times. We are thankful for their commitment and the love they shared here. Br. Brice was privileged to have Br. Joe in his youth group when he was a youth minister. Now we look forward to welcoming the new family, also from that youth group in Ft. Collins--Br. Lucas.



COMING SOON TO A BIBLE COLLEGE YOU SUPPORT

Greetings! Our small family is thrilled at the opportunity to come and serve at WISE. My wife and I are both teachers and have taught in Northern Colorado as well as in Northern Arizona. Our daughter Ava was born in September of this year and has been an amazing blessing to us. We both grew up in Colorado and enjoy outdoor activities such as running, hiking, and fishing. We are so excited to join the amazing staff and students down at WISE and continue the work that God has started!

-Lucas, Mikayla, & Ava Ness



PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- For churches (overseas and local) as they meet at home in this time.
 - For the giving to continue to help meet needs even in these different times.
 - For our recent graduates to make it home to their families when flights reopen.
 - For the Seaton & Ness families as they transition.
 - For the WISE upcoming board meeting in June.
 - Praise for Wurdeman family making back to States for the upcoming delivery of their baby.
 - For the Robertson's as they decide furlough times with their son's upcoming wedding.
 - For our current students & staff to continue to be healthy and at peace.
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