

# West Indies Field Director & Deputation Director



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So much has happened over the past few weeks that this letter may seem a bit like a potpourri of updates. My apologies in advance.

## Hurricane Beryl

Days before Hurricane Beryl hit Houston, it plowed into St. Vincent and the Grenadines as a Category 5 hurricane. If you remember from our letter in January, I had just visited one of our missionaries, David Ballinger, who is in St. Vincent. We visited one of the islands that has been hardest hit by Beryl. The Ballinger family's home and church only suffered minor damage from the storm, but several other islands were ravaged by the hurricane. When you see hurricane forecasts this season, please don't just focus on where they will hit in the USA; remember to pray for our missionaries and pastors across the Caribbean who will be in harm's way.

## Refresh Week

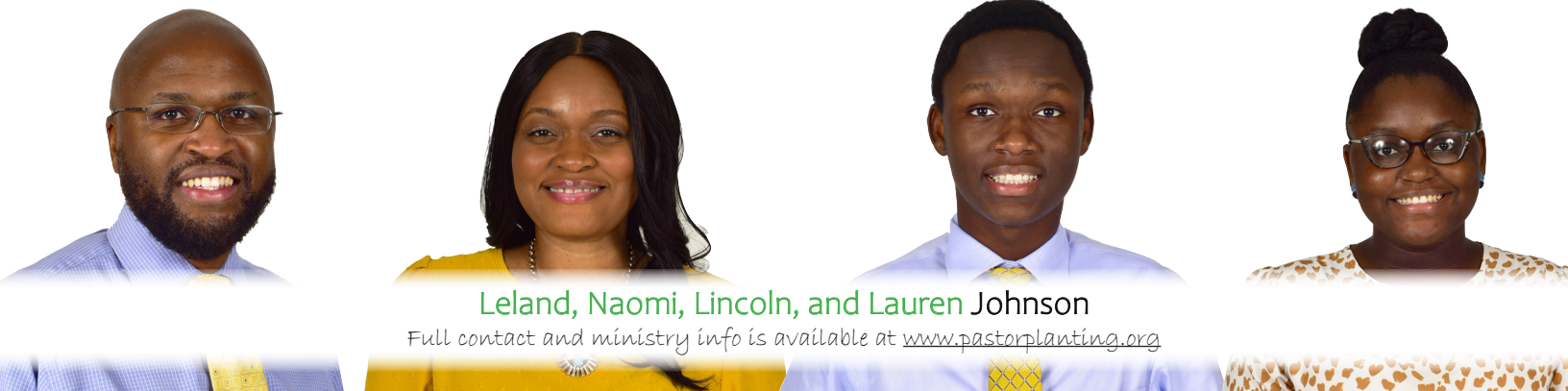
Thank you to those who prayed for our missionary training week in June. We had about 25 families present, representing various stages of missionary ministry, from veteran missionaries with over 40 years of experience to those on deputation who are just getting started. God blessed all of our planning and, while it was a very busy week, God worked in a tremendous way. All of our missionaries were able to leave feeling encouraged and challenged to continue serving the Lord.

## Brazil

Even though we are not in Brazil full-time, we remain deeply involved in the work there, especially financially. I am thrilled to report that our church in Brazil is in the process of starting a new work about 30 minutes away from our primary work. The land for this new work was donated by a man I met about six years ago when he was selling a piece of property. He expressed interest in sectioning off part of it to donate to the church. Now that the sale of the land is complete, the church has this new property in its name and is already in the process of starting a Bible study in the area, with the goal of eventually building a church on the new property.

## Naomi

In our last letter, we asked for prayer for Naomi's doctor's appointment, and God answered those prayers in every way! The doctor was very pleased with her test results and approved her to continue the medication for another 3-6 months (1st request)! The doctor also mentioned that when other patients had been taken off the medication, there was no reversal of the progress made while on it. This means that the expectation is for Naomi's progress to be permanent (2nd request)! Please continue to pray for further progress over the next 3-6 months. Thank you for your continued prayers. We love and appreciate you all!



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