

**Good Morning,**

**Susan & I were able to make a quick trip "up north" earlier this month to visit our grandchildren (& their parents) in Atlanta, and Susan's mother in Dallas. The time went too quickly. (It had been a year since we had seen them.)**

**Our school year begins Sept. 5th, which is not a holiday here (our Labour Day is May 1st). The teachers report back to work this coming Monday, Aug. 29th.**

**We are doing a couple of projects in getting ready for the new school year. These are to upgrade our facilities. Any time we do a project like these, we need financial help, as the school fees cover the recurrent budget, but don't leave much room for other expenses. (School fees are U.S. \$675 per school year. U.S. \$450 per year for the preschool.)**

### **1. Kindergarten floor upgrade**

**The kindergarten is located in a room which was part of the original buildings from the 1700's. It had a quirky feature of a bath located right at the entrance, partly blocking the doorway. We don't know what it was used for, or why it was there, but we hadn't taken it out immediately because it was such a quirky historical architectural feature, and we had originally put the kindergarten there on a temporary basis to allow more space to comply with covid protocol requirements. (One idea is that it was actually a laundry tub for washing clothes.)**

**We have decided we will probably leave the kindergarten there, so have decided to remove the bath from the doorway and upgrade the floor. The floor had been a rough cement floor covered with vinyl linoleum, which only lasts for 1 school year. We have to do some cement work on the floor, and in the area of the bath (which is actually being done this week), and then we would like to tile the floor.**

**Here are some estimates:**

**Tiles for 770 sq. ft. U.S. \$1450**

**Thinset for laying tile U.S. \$800**

**Labor for installing tiles & preparation cement work U.S. \$1600**

**Total estimate for Kindergarten project: U.S. \$3850**

## **2. Cement pad outside the preschool classrooms**

**This is a project that we have needed to do. There is a dusty area just outside the classrooms which is under cover from the cement hard court above. We are putting down a cement pad to create a cleaner environment and give the children additional covered play area.**

**I don't have the estimates yet - I should have that by the end of the week.**

**I'm guessing it will be in the range of U.S. \$1000, but it could be more.**

**If the Lord leads you to make a 1-time donation towards these projects, you can send the donation to the following address and designate it for Berean Christian Academy, Grenada. A tax-deductible receipt will be sent to you.**

**Or, if you don't require a tax-deductible receipt, you can email me for other options to get your donation to us quicker. (We're starting both projects this week.)**

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