



## FAITH AS BIG AS...

To travel to Guyana, one must have a Covid19 molecular biological PCR test within 3 days to avoid being tested again in country and being quarantined until the results return negative. So, I made an appointment with a lab that said they would have the results within the time constraints. However, I neglected to inform the lab that our flight was leaving at 7am three days following the scheduled Covid19 test.

We arrived at the lab and they informed us the soonest we could have the results was late afternoon on the day of our flight. Oh no! We were a little worried and started calling labs within a 4- hour driving distance to no avail. Then, Bruce thought of calling Urgent Care facilities, again with no better result. He wanted to try one more clinic, but instead was forwarded to a message service. I told him there was no need to leave a message, but he did anyway. We started driving

home to reschedule our flight and dreading the fees that we will have to pay when the phone rang. It was from the Urgent Care Clinic Bruce left a message with. The nurse on the call said they do not offer testing but try Passport Health, she said.

Bruce stopped the vehicle and called Passport Health ([www.passporthealthusa.com](http://www.passporthealthusa.com)). They said they specialize in testing for travel and we can receive results within 24-48 hours but no promises. However, they were closing in an hour and a half and we must complete an online application before we could head to the clinic, 20 miles away. We are not going to make it, I thought. Bruce prayed and we drove home, completed the application online and began driving to Passport Health. We arrived on time thank God, but we were told no guarantee that we receive the results within 24 hours. Returning home, we prayed again and resolved that we did everything humanly possible and now it was in His hands. Within 5 hours our results were back, and the tests were negative! Oh ye, of little faith. Yes, my faith was tested but I thank the Lord for He blesses even if my faith is but so little...

## PERFECT TIMING

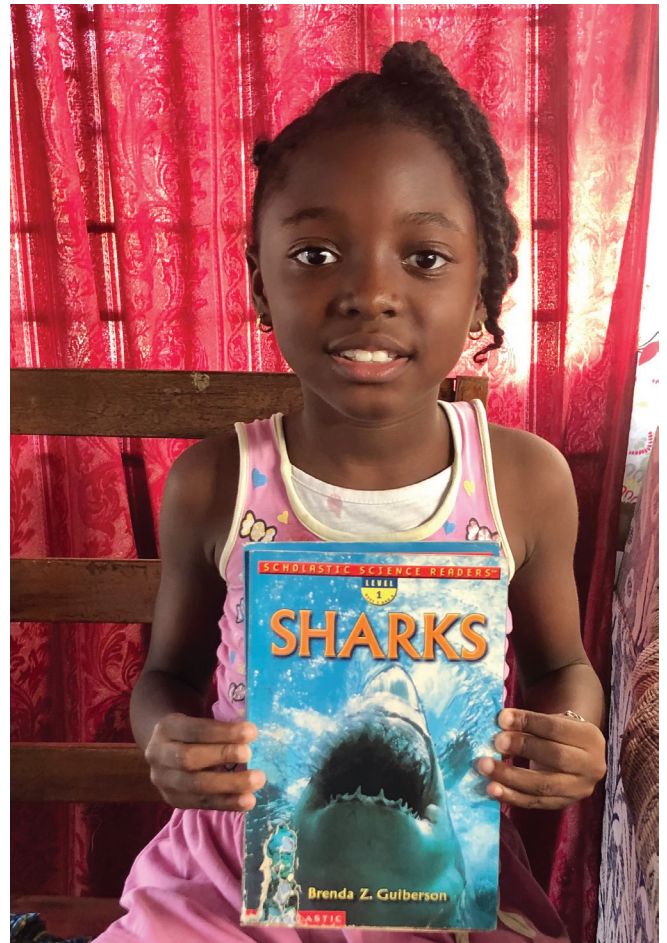
The travel took us from Raleigh to Miami to Georgetown, Guyana a total of 7 ½ hours. When we arrived at the AWA team flat, it was so dusty and so dirty after many, many months of vacancy. I then remembered Shawna, a housekeeper we once hired to help us with some deep cleaning. I texted her but she did not respond so I thought, perhaps we will just have to thoroughly clean ourselves when Bruce asked me to try calling instead.

The voice on the other end seemed in a haze when I asked her if she could help but she insisted she can come the next day. Bruce started cleaning while I prepared dinner. Shawna arrived the next day ready to work. As she was working, she reflected that her time with us over two years ago was what ultimately convicted her to be baptized. Little did we know, the Spirit-led conversations two years ago opened the door for her decision for baptism. Shawna is now a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Wow! The hairs on my arms started to rise! God is so good to have given me this blessing and opportunity to join His work.

Shawna proceeded to tell me that the last day to pay for her son Shamar's CXC (Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate) exams was in two days and the testing would begin the following day. CXC's are like the U.S. SAT/ACT tests which are a requirement to move on to higher learning. Shawna did not have enough to pay for her son's exam and wondered how she could come up with the additional money when I called. (So that was the reason she sounded shocked when I called, I thought). She shared this testimony with her husband who told her what great timing since he does not get paid until next week. He is a non-believer but said her faith is leading him to believe in the power of God. Praise God! The wage from her labor was just enough to pay for Shamar's exam!

God is Good and His timing is always perfect. Often, we do not know the results of our witness, but we continue forward in faith and know that God blesses our Spirit-led work. In this case, God gave me a glimpse into a changed life experience. Perhaps this was for my spiritual encouragement or perhaps for yours. I know God is at work in and around us all the time. He is there and wants you and me to join His team and further His Kingdom! To God be the glory!

Year 2020 has passed. The pandemic, the election, the chaotic year is now in the rearview mirror. Year 2021 is the year all should passionately proclaim the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. Maranatha!



**“Pray for us, too, that  
God may open a door for  
our message, so that we  
may proclaim the mystery  
of Christ, for which I am  
in chains. Pray that I may  
proclaim it clearly,  
as I should.”**

**— Colossians 4:3-4**



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