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# The Davis Family Evangelizing Belize



## PRAYERS NEEDED:

I am focusing this letter mainly for your immediate prayers. Two separate families, both of whom are our neighbors, were targeted by Robert Joseph, a 59-year-old Haitian business owner in the photo to the right. On March 12th around 3:30 PM this man approached the López family in broad daylight at the Belize Belmopan City public market playground. Mr. Lopez stood up to greet Robert Joseph, when he pulled out a 9 mm pistol and pointed it at his head. Mr. Lopez instantly flinched away as the gunman fired, just missing his head. Mr. Lopez immediately took off zigzagging through the market's tents and ran to the hospital next door, screaming for them to call the police and help.



The gunman then turned his sights on Laura, the 44-year-old wife and mother. Joseph fatally shot her, and then chased after the seven-year-old son Tristan, shooting him, as well as chasing the 11-year-old daughter Sarah shooting her. He also shot and killed eight-year-old Megan Petkau. Megan was the daughter of our other neighbor who was playing with the Lopez family at the time. The López family had stayed at the murderers Airbnb sometime ago and believed that the father tried to poison him back then. I believe this is absurd, and the guy is mentally ill.

In the photo to the right, I have circled the deceased mother along with her two children from a birthday party we recently attended with them. On one of my visits to the hospital, a door at the other end slammed shut, and Sarah was frightened, thinking it was another gunshot. They're all so traumatized but the children are expected to recover. The bullet that hit Tristan just missed his femoral artery. The Petkau family are Christians, and I understanding that Mr. Lopez just made a profession in Christ about a week ago. Please pray for both these families in this senseless horrific violence that took place.

My second prayer request is for a 17-year-old young lady named Adeline seen in the right photo. She's the daughter of Denise Arnold, who works at Homeland Security, where I minister every week. Adeline has lupus and was in serious condition. Her stomach was so swollen she looked like she was pregnant. In the photo on the right, Julia gave her a homemade, Get Well card that she had made her. After 14 days in the hospital, she went home and is doing much better, but please continue to pray for her full recovery. To the right is another card Julia made for Sarah.



Yours faithfully,

The Greg Davis Family

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