Good Evening and Happy 4th of July Weekend!

**SUSAN'S MOM:**  First, a prayer request:  Susan's mom, May Felty, who is 91 years old and lives in a home in Garland, TX, (Dallas) tested positive for the Covid Virus this past week.  Several of the residents have tested positive.  She is, so far, asymptomatic.  She does not feel sick, and I don't think she has much understanding of what is going on.  We, of course, are unable to leave Grenada at this time, and even if we were able to get to Dallas, we would not be allowed to visit her.  So we covet your intercession on behalf of the family at this time.  (Susan's sister, Sharlene, and her family, live in Garland near the home, and are keeping us informed.)

**COVID-FREE:**  Grenada has been officially declared as Covid-free for the past few weeks.  The airport remains closed, except for special charter flights.  Anyone who comes in on a chartered flight must spend 2 weeks in supervised quarantine at their own expense.  (In addition to being tested before they come.)

**GOV'T. PROTOCOLS**:  The gov't. had talked of opening the airport to regular commerial flights in July, but now have announced that they will not do so until sometime in August.  Most Grenadians want the airport to remain closed, as they are all feeling a bit safer right now.  The nightly curfew time was moved from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and then just recently moved to 11 p.m.  (We were actually able to go out for dinner on Father's Day, which was the first time out for dinner since maybe in Jan or Feb.)  So there is still a nightly curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.  Masks are still required to be worn in public spaces, on busses, etc.  People's hands are still being sprayed with sanitizer to enter a store or building.  The gov't. wants to keep all these protocols in place to be a habit for when the airport is reopened.  They want everyone to act like the virus is in Grenada now, even though they have announced that it is not.

**CHURCHES REOPENING**:  I attended church at the "town" church on Lucas St., in St. George's this morning.  It was their first service at the church since March.  Everyone had to wear a mask, be sprayed at the entrance, and record their name and contact information in a register, in case of the need for future contact tracing.  Only every other pew could be used, and they were marked for 6 foot distancing.  (Members of a household could sit together.)   The speaker did not have to wear a mask as long as he was 12 feet from anyone else.  There were no children present, as children under 10 and seniors over 70 have been discouraged by the gov't. from attending church services.  (There were a few ladies over 70 present.)  That means that several mothers stayed home with children, rather than coming to church.  All our churches (except for Grand Anse, due to the building issues) have now reopened.  Today was the first day reopened for 3 of them.

In order to reopen, each church had to file an application with the gov't.  There were some who didn't like the idea of asking permission.  I told them to view it as "registering compliance", rather than asking permission.  Because really, that is what it was.  The gov't. wanted each church to submit a form which indicated that they intended to comply with the protocols for the gathering of people in one place.  It was not really asking permission.

**BCA GRADUATION**:  We are having a graduation ceremony for our 7 graduates this Tuesday, at the same St. George's church, which is next door to the school.  (This is only 1 week later than it normally would have been.)   Because we have a small class this year, we are able to have all the graduates come, but no other students will be able to come.  (Most schools had to do a virtual graduation where only a few select graduates were present, and everyone else had to watch a live stream at home.)  Each graduate is allowed to come with 2 family members to the graduation.

**GRADUATION ON FACEBOOK**:  We are also live streaming our graduation.  You should actually be able to see it!  It will be on:  [**facebook.com/BCAGrenada**](http://facebook.com/BCAGrenada)  at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Daylight Savings Time) on Tuesday, the 7th.  (Grenada is actually in the Atlantic Time Zone, as we are East of the USA mainland, but we don't have daylight savings time, so our time is currently the same as Eastern Time.)

Please let us know if you were able to watch it!

In Grenada,

Reuben & Susan Mains