It is the Christmas season, and the airwaves are once again filled with the sounds of "Jingle Bells" and "I Want a Piece of Pork for Me Christmas". Yes, that is actually a song, and quite popular, too. It is revealing what many people are focused on at this time of year. (I am also amused that "Jingle Bells" is so popular, when most Grenadians have never even seen snow, much less "dashed" through it. :-)

We have always reminded the believers here to remember that this is one of the best, most opportune times to remind people of what the true reason for the season is. It is also an important opportunity to teach young children about the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ coming into the world to be our Savior.

We're in our last week of school before the 3-week Christmas break. It has been highly stressful and draining to navigate the covid risks and protocols. We will be glad for the break.

One of our church members just came back from a missions trip to Guyana where he helped to build a wooden church building among Amerindian people. He came back very excited and energized over what he saw God doing among the people there.

Next week we will be having the funeral of one of our church members who died from complications from covid. The whole household was infected, but as is often the case, only the mother (of grown children), who was the oldest one, got very sick and died. She had spent about a month in the hospital.

As we anticipate the coming of a new year, may we also anticipate the coming again of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, giving thanks that He came, and that He is coming again for His own.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and cause His face to shine upon you, and give you peace!

In Grenada,

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