Good evening!

The attached photo is showing you how we are now able to make use of the church parking lot at Grand Anse.  Just about every vehicle is able to be parked off the very busy road now.  This was Easter Sunday morning.  (Our car is the blue one closest to the road.)  We are still meeting downstairs while we do cosmetic repairs to the upstairs.  The plan now is to have the preschool return to the building for the new school year in September.  We will have to install new fencing by the road, so that the church grounds will be completely enclosed for the preschoolers.

We would be grateful for any financial assistance for the church project.  We have been progressing and paying our bills as the Lord provides.  After we have completed the repairs to the upstairs, there will be other areas that will need attention.  (e.g. The retaining wall at the back of the property will need to be replaced.)

I don't have the estimates right now for some of the work being done at the church.  I'll try to include that in a later message.  If you're interested, you can always reply and let me know.

It was recently announced that Grenada was one of only seven countries worldwide that qualified for a safe covid rating.  This is due to the fact that we never had community spread and currently have no known cases.  This positions us well for the revitalization of the tourism industry.  There will also be greatly reduced quarantine requirements for visitors who have proof of having been vaccinated.  (Currently it is effectively a one-week quarantine where you can't go out anywhere, even to the beach.)   The economy has shrunk considerably, so getting tourism going again will be a big help.

We are still under all the covid protocols where everyone is required to wear masks in all public places (all stores, place of business, etc.).  Most businesses and gov't. offices require everyone to sign an entry log listing their address, phone #, and temp.  (taken on the spot)  The gov't. here wants to make sure that we keep our safe status.  School is pretty much back to normal, with the requirement of wearing a mask and no sporting activities allowed.  (Mainly because you cannot have more than 20 people at any function.  The exception being church, funerals, weddings, etc., where 50 people are allowed, with 3-foot distancing protocols and masks required.)  We were able to have our annual cross country road race, as this did not involve a congregation of spectators.

Our neighboring island of St. Vincent has just had a volcano blow its top.  The volcano is at the north end of the island (we are to the south of St. Vincent), so we aren't directly affected by it.  So far it seems to be blowing steam and ash, and there is a large column going up into the sky from the volcano.  (No lava reported as yet.)

Some people are being evacuated from the north end of St. Vincent (the least populated part of the island), and it looks like some may be coming to Grenada.  The main concern here is that St. Vincent has hundreds of active covid cases, and everyone is hoping that this is not what causes community spread of the virus here in Grenada.

We have had 2 weeks of Easter break from school, and we will be going back to school this Monday.  (The school year ends the first week of July.)

In Grenada,

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