

Good Morning!

We are now in the first of 2 total lockdown weekends. Everyone is to stay at home. No movement except by special permit or recognized emergency. The Ministry of Health is going through St. David's parish (rural area) today with a mobile unit to do covid tests and give vaccinations to anyone who wants it.

Every day there is a report on how many new positive cases were recorded for that day, some days close to 200, and how many deaths, often around 4. There have been covid deaths every day. The hospital tripled their capacity for covid patients, and there still are not enough beds for all the new admissions. They also said one reason for the high number of deaths is that people are waiting too late to come to the hospital, so that by the time they get there, there is not much that can be done. Grenada now has the highest per capita infection rate in the world. In about a month, we have gone from essentially zero cases to a full-blown epidemic.

One of the deaths this week was a college student, still in her teens.

We have a special prayer request: One of our deacons from the Grand Anse church is in the hospital with covid. He is in his 30's and he has sickle cell, which statistically makes him 4x more at risk. His name is Rondel Noel. He has had some rough days, but seems to be doing a bit better. As in many places, the hospital is understaffed. Visitors are not allowed. Rondel's wife is in charge of our preschool department at Berean Christian Academy. So the request is for Rondel, for his wife, Noyda, and for his family of origin (he has 3 sisters, but he is the only son), and his mother-in-law considers him as a son (not just a son-in-law). So it is hard on all of them.

In Grenada,

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