

Good afternoon!

Tomorrow is a holiday here. No, it's not Memorial Day, it's Pentecost Monday (also called Whit Monday). This is one of the rare times that our holiday is on the same day as Memorial Day in the USA. Pentecost occurs 7 weeks after Easter, so it just happened to be on the last Monday in May this year because Easter was a bit earlier than usual.

We still have another month of school. June 30th will be our last regular school day, and then graduation will be on the 4th of July (which is not a holiday here). Our 6th grade students are anxiously awaiting their CPEA results (Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment), which will tell them into which secondary school they are being placed. (Secondary school is equivalent to grades 7-11.)

We have had some interesting days. Like the Wednesday recently when I arrived at school to discover that we had neither water nor electricity. The water service was working on the water main, and so we were without water for the day. We discovered that there was corrosion inside our electric meter, which had resulted in a wire being disconnected. We had to get an electrician (we have a parent who is one) to start work on it right away. I had to drive him to the store to get the needed replacement parts, as his vehicle was down, but we had our service restored by that afternoon, so we had both water and electricity back for the next school day.

Sis. Jessemy has indicated that she is willing to assume the position of principal for the next school year, but she would not be able to be full-time, as she is still also the Child Evangelism director for Grenada. This means that I will probably continue as the school administrator, but possibly only go in to school 2 days a week, rather than full-time. (The days that she may not be able to be there.) She would be the primary contact person for parents, and be the primary person for the day-to-day operations of the school, which is something that would help me a lot. I will probably continue to teach a couple of classes on the days that I go in.

I recently talked with an elder in our church in St. George's. The church has been without a pastor for a few years, and he has been essentially functioning as the pastor. I told him that we should consider installing him as the pastor to simply recognize what he has already been doing. I had talked to him about this last year, and he felt insecure about it, since he does not have formal theological training. But now he seems ready. (He has taken several Bible Institute classes, both from what I had taught as well as from another pastor.) I told him that the most important qualification is that he has the heart of a pastor. I reminded him that elders in the New Testament were men qualified to fulfill a pastoral role in their church, and he has been doing that. We will still have a ways to go, in terms of meeting with the church board, and then a membership meeting, but I look forward to helping them through the process. It will help the church to have him confirmed as the pastor. (He would still work with the other elders on the board, as he has been doing, but he is clearly the leader of the group of elders.)

We are planning a one-week trip to Atlanta to visit our grandchildren and their parents the first week of August.

One other note... Our rainy season has begun, which means that hurricane season is just around the corner.

**In Grenada,
Reuben & Susan Mains**