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Fwd: September in Grenada

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Yesterday was the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Ivan. We remember it because that one took all or some of the roofs of 90% of the buildings in Grenada. It came across the south of Grenada (Beryl passed north of Grenada, over Carriacou.) and the north wall of the category 4 hurricane (strongest winds in the north wall) passed directly over our house. We lost half of our roof and windows, but we had to replace the whole roof. It took us months to recover. We had no electricity for 3 1/2 months. So that's something that you don't forget :-)

September is the hottest month of the year in Grenada, because the sun is directly overhead at this time of the year. It is also very humid, because it is rainy season, and of course, also hurricane season. (It is pretty hot from April through October, but it peaks in September, being a little worse than May (the other time the sun is more directly overhead) because it is more humid.)

We have been experiencing one outcome from Hurricane Beryl earlier this year. There is a severe egg shortage on the island. Several of the local egg producers were in the north of the island, and they lost most of their egg-laying chickens in the hurricane. The government had imposed a ban on importing eggs (before the hurricane) because they wanted to support the local producers. Now there is not nearly enough local supply for the demand, but the import ban is still in effect. In the last month (since we came back from our trip in August to see our grandkids), we have only seen eggs in a store 1 time. (There was a limit that no customer could buy more than 2 dozen.) We also have a shortage of local crops like lettuce, tomatoes, etc. (although we do have very expensive imports of these - imported tomatoes are U.S. \$5.75/lb.). We also have a shortage of local beef. Imported ground beef is U.S. \$13.50/lb.

We went back to school last Monday, the 2nd of September. (Labor Day in the USA, but not a holiday here.) Things went pretty smoothly. I am working with Miss Jessemy, our new principal, to get her able to be more and more independent of me. We have all of our teachers returning for the first time in a few years, so that helps.

We are happy to have 4 students sponsored this year, who are able to be in school because of this. (A student can be sponsored for just \$60 a month.)

We did some necessary work on the school during the summer. This involved replacing some tiles on the floor in grade one, putting back a rain gutter that had fallen down off one of the buildings, replacing a door frame that had broken due to dry rot, and doing some sealing against water coming in under the walls of the steel building (along with fixing a broken pipe). All together this came to about U.S. \$1500.00. We have no budget for these kinds of expenses as all of the revenue from school fees goes to paying teachers and the utility bills. If you are able to give a 1-time gift towards this expense, it would be a tremendous help. (I will give the address below.)

Designate your 1-time gift to Berean Christian Academy Grenada.

A check should be made out to "United Ministries Fellowship" and sent to this address:

United Ministries Fellowship, Inc.
P. O. Box 6835
Glendale, AZ 85312

A tax-deductible receipt will be issued.

I am not full-time in the school this year, but I still have most of the administrative responsibilities of the school. I also have been speaking once a month in one of the churches that is currently without a pastor.

We will continue to keep an eye on the Atlantic for the next couple of months for any tropical depressions that may form into storms heading our way. (We know that some of you do that, too :-)

In Grenada,
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