

Dear Friends and Family,

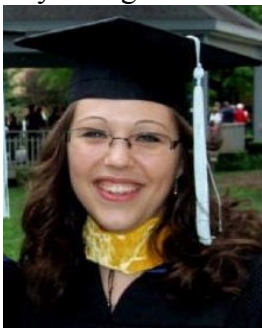
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I don't know if you are experiencing the same phenomena as we are, but time is just flying by. Our last prayer letter was sent in March. I remember planning to write a letter while we were in the States in May for Alyssa's graduation, but if we are busy here, we were much busier in Greenville. We want to say thank you for remembering us in prayer. I know that we could not have gotten accomplished all that we did, without the grace and strength from the Lord. So, lets go back a couple of months and get caught up on all that has happened.

The month of April was spent getting ready for the trip to the States. I was finishing up projects at the station, getting things ready for the team, while Karen was getting the station logbooks in order, as well as preparing our house for Rob and Linn Seiter to live in it. We are so thankful that they were able to fill in for us. They began the church in Carriacou back in 1995, so we know it was a joy for them to come back and see how the Lord has continued the work over these years. Finally, we boarded the plane on April 30th.



Alyssa's graduation from Bob Jones University was on May 3rd. It is hard to believe that we are done with children at BJU and that they are now responsible adults in the work force. We praise the Lord for His provision and watch care over them. We were unable to see Michael while in the States, but enjoyed our visit with Christina and Alyssa. Christina is still teaching at Grace Baptist Christian school in Columbia, SC, so we did not see her very much. Her vacation did not begin until right before we left for Carriacou. One of our main goals while in the States was to do some work on our house. We thank the Lord that we were able to stay in the house while



working on it. It really helped that Michael left some of his appliances and furniture for us to use. Since our house is right behind Mrs. Moore's, it was real joy to spend time with her as she has been like a second mother to us, and a grandmother to our children. (Alyssa is currently living with her.) Michael had done a great job in painting the inside. I put in one new window, added a railing on the back porch, painted the outside trim, and then had some roof work to do after finding some rotting wood. Karen and the girls began tearing out walls for the upstairs bathroom remodeling job. It was quite a job, but Tim Thomas and Harold Brandeberry helped us, and Harold even lined up several other men to give us a hand. There were some men from Faith who were able to give some help also. Becky Harris and her girls came over to help out with some painting. Frankly, without the help we could not have gotten the job done in the time we had in the States.

We did take a week off and fly to Oregon to visit both our families. It was a great time of fellowship



with those we love, but hardly get a chance to see except on furlough. Once back in Greenville, we had to get our tickets extended for another week in order to get most of the remodeling done. You can see from the before and after pictures that it was a major job. Now, we need to either get several girls to rent the



house, or a nice family. Please pray with us that the house will be rented by September. I must say that it was a relief to get back on the plane so that we could get some rest on the return trip home. It turned out to be an eventful trip however. Our flight from Miami to Puerto Rico was delayed a couple of hours, and we made it to Puerto Rico only to see our connecting flight to Grenada take off without us. No problem. American put us up in a hotel connected to the airport terminal. Karen looked out our 5th floor room window to see what fire escapes were possible—she likes to be prepared. Smile. Being super tired, we crashed until about 3 am when my reflux gave me some trouble. Once that subsided we fell asleep again, until about 5am when Karen woke up and heard some noise in the hallway. She got up to check it out and heard a speaker announcing that there was a fire emergency in the hotel and for everyone to evacuate. We hurriedly pulled on some clothes and went down the 5 flights of stairs where we were directed outside to the street. There congregated in the street was a couple of hundred people—most fully clothed, hair combed, and makeup on. Karen just put her painting dress over her nightgown, so she felt a little out of place. She didn't feel half as bad as the fellow who rushed out of the building about 15 minutes after us, he only had his shorts on and was carrying his briefcase!! It turned out that the fire wasn't in our hotel, but was in one of the terminal gates connected to the hotel. About 2 ½ hours later, we were allowed to go back inside. We crashed until about 11am, then got ready to see if we were going to make it on the plane to Grenada, as we were on standby. We did!! It was so nice to be back home, sleep in our own beds again, and see those we love and care about here in Carriacou.

That brings us to June. There was no rest for John as he had to prepare the work site for a 12 person



team that was coming from Kansas in three weeks. HL staff guys, Linus and Richard, were great helpers in this job. We had been anticipating the mission's team from Kansas for many months. They were going to help complete the retaining wall behind the station if possible. It would have to be done before Pat Murphy's container arrives the end of July.



So, on July 5th the team arrived and hit the deck running, so to speak. It isn't easy moving 75lb block, or moving gravel and dirt in the hot Caribbean sun with high humidity, but they gave it their best. The ladies fit in a three day VBS at Open Door, along with doing the cooking, cleaning and laundry for the team. We had a lot of fun with Pastor and Jody Heffernan, two of their almost grown children, some of the folks from their church, and Pastor and Ann Byford and their son. Karen delighted in introducing them to the particular joys and tastes of Carriacou whenever she could. Linus, Richard, along with some of the young people-Jevon, Teron, Tyrron, Jake, Beans, and Nato gave the team a hand. Without their help it would have been slow going. The team left July 10th, and I know that while they were glad that they had come and labored with us, they were all looking forward to some rest and a little more air conditioning than we have here.



The fourth of July is not celebrated here in Grenada, of course, but we did see some fireworks on July 8th. Past Prime Minister Keith Mitchell called for an election a few months back and on July 8th it was voting day. The New National Party had been in power for 13 years and most of the people of Grenada felt that it was time for a change. The opposition party, the New Democratic Party, won making their leader Tillman Thomas our new Prime Minister. This reminds us of the upcoming election that will

take place this year in the States. We know that many of you join us in praying for the Lord's wisdom in knowing just how to vote. We pray God's mercy and guidance on both our countries. We have filed for permanent residency, but have not heard back from the government yet. Once approved, then we will take the next step and apply for dual-citizenship. Just think, next election time we will get to vote in two countries, Lord willing.

Once again, it is hurricane season. July 16th was a very busy day for the folks in Miami, Florida. On the Pacific side there was Hurricane Elida and newly formed Tropical Storm Fausto. On the Atlantic side, Tropical Storm Bertha was northeast of Bermuda, and there were 3 areas of disturbed weather (low pressure areas with thunderstorm activity) that needed watching. One of those areas was only 225 miles east of Grenada, and it was looking like it would be a tropical depression later in the day. Karen reported the weather news over the station and kept an eye on what was going on. The weather wasn't as bad as what was being predicted, but to be on the safe side we canceled church. Most of the church folks had already called to say they weren't able to make it out. The depression never formed up, and the strong winds and heavy rainfall went more north of us. Still, we figure that we had over 5 inches of rain. We aren't sure of the true amount of rainfall because our rain gage isn't very accurate as a bird made a nest in the top of it. We would toss the nest out except there are two eggs in it. You see, we didn't have much cause to check the rain gauge in dry season, and according to the grandfather clause, she was there first so she gets to stay there until the babies leave the nest. Hopefully, that will be soon.



Please continue to pray for the young people at Open Door that they will commit their lives to living for the Lord and for reaching out to their friends and family with the gospel. Pray for them, and us, to live out our faith before friends and family in such a way as to show we are serious about being ambassadors for Christ. Attendance is way down at church because a lot of folks have gone abroad either to the States or England this summer. Pray that the Lord will keep them safe and that He leads people who want to learn more about Him to come to church.

Karen has been able to give out several baby bags to new mothers. The hospital is once again calling her and she tries to keep 3 baby boy bags and 3 baby girl bags made up and ready to give out. Thank you ladies who have given so much for this ministry. It is truly a joy for her to give them out and to pray with the new moms that the Lord will be with them as they raise their new baby and that he or she would come to know the Lord as Saviour at an early age and live for Him. Pray that the mothers will read the literature, and that the Lord will use His Word to draw them to Himself.



We have been researching the possibility of using wind power to supply our energy needs at the Harbour Light and are looking at a couple of possibilities. One of which is a 250KW refurbished wind turbine. I still am trying to do a little research, but if we were to go with this one we would probably be looking at an up front outlay of \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00. This would have to be financed, but the payback would be rapid since we wouldn't have the diesel fuel bill and we would be selling power back to the power company. Please pray with us that we would have the wisdom of God in this and we would make right choices.

The retainer wall at the station is coming along and we are getting close to having it done. Pray we'll have some good weather so we can finish it this week. The Murphy's container is due in sometime the end of the week or next week so it is a just in time situation.

Well, once again it is hard to be brief, but we trust that you have been encouraged and blessed by what the Lord is doing here in and through us. We thank the Lord for calling us here! We also want to say thank you for keeping us here by your prayer and/or financial support. May God bless you.

John and Karen McPherson

