## GRENADA, W.I.



"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107:2

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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ:

"O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 107:1

We are so thankful for all of God's blessings to us and our church family. As a church family we celebrated the Grenadian Thanksgiving in October. Our church fellowship and dinner was a very special time as we gathered together to give thanks for their freedom from communist control in 1983.

God was very good to us as tropical storm Lili only grazed the very top of our island. Even so the high winds and rain took their toll. Board houses were damaged by the winds, rain, and mud slides. One large bridge collapsed and there was a tremendous amount of damage done to the crops. There were several deaths attributed to the storm but we were careful to give thanks to God because it could have been so much worse.

Our church children are very thankful to be back in school. Renovations on the school were not completed in time for school to start. Robert helped to clean and move furniture back into classrooms and offices. And at church we helped with our annual scripture memory work for school supplies. We really appreciate those of you who give to help with this project each year. It is a special help to our church family who struggle to provide for their children.

The reading classes have continued to increase in number and success. Everyone is enjoying the Phonics lessons. We are especially excited about the improvement we have seen with the young men. They are now able to read the scriptures and give devotions in the church services. We are thankful to Pastor Elliott and his daughter who provided reading tapes on the Bible and Forrest Hills Baptist Church for providing the Phonics charts and books that we use in the classes. We are constantly in need of new materials for this project and would appreciate your prayers and gifts. It has been an expensive project but the blessings to our church and people have far out weighed the cost and effort.

Most exiting of all is that we can give thanks to our God who saved five precious souls this time. One lady was saved because one of our church children left a tract on her door. She then visited a Sunday night service and asked the Lord to save he:

God is so good and worthy of our thanks and praise. We are also very thankful for each of you who have faithfully prayed and given to the ministry here in Grenada. It has been exciting to be co-laborers with you these past sixteen years!

In Christ,

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