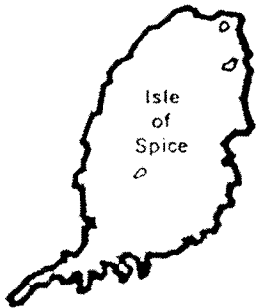


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"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107:2

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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

*"Remembering mine affliction and my misery," Lamentations 3:19a*

The effects of hurricane Ivan are still all around us. Our mail service has been extra slow! So please be patient with our response to your letters and requests. Also, we are still without telephone service. You can reach us (sometimes) through our cell phone at 473-417-2734. The children attend school every other day. It's called "in and out." Some schools have tarps for roofs but most are using tents since they lost entire buildings. Only part of the businesses have re-opened due to damage and looting. Unemployment is high at between sixty and seventy percent. Fishing is limited because of damage to boats and shore. The US Relief Organization is helping to re-build boats and schools. Many homes and businesses still have tarps for roofs and we have been told that it will take at least two years to get enough galvanize on the island to repair all the roofs. Dry season has set in and water is scarce.

Our hearts are full of thanks for your financial contributions to the Grenada Relief Fund. Your gifts not only provided food for the dear people of Loretto but you have helped in other ways: A family of ten had a piece of tin slice their water tank in half. Your gifts made it possible to replace the tank for them. Marline teaches one of the children's classes in the church. Her family lost everything in the storm. They now live in the dirt under the foundation that used to be their home. Thru your giving we were able to provide them with a stove, lantern, and mattress. Champagne's family, Denisha's family, and Shonia's family lost the roofs off their homes. Your gifts help meet those needs. Reneal's home had the windows blown out and again your gifts allowed us to help replace what was taken in the storm. We took several teens from the church shopping in St. George for clothes, shoes, school supplies and other items that their families needed. One family received needed towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, and other linens because of your giving. Janel's family could not secure their home because the hurricane damaged their doors. Your gifts made it possible to purchase doors for them. And the list goes on and on because of your contributions to the Grenada Relief Fund.

Please continue to give as the needs here are overwhelming. And remember us as we seek to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of these dear people. It will take years for these people to recover from Hurricane Ivan.

We praise the Lord that the church services have been full. Pray with us that the visitors will continue to come. Thirteen have asked the Lord to save them.

Truly God remembers "*mine affliction and my misery*" and thru God's people much has been accomplished in Christian love.

In Christ,

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