

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,

*"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he  
shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6*

The past two months have been a troubling and challenging time to live and to serve the Lord. We are thankful that God not only knows all about it, but has promised to "direct" us through it all if we trust Him!

Reports of the worldwide pandemic were concerning so Robert began preaching on prayer. We made prayer lists, and Robert challenged our church family to fast and pray.

Then suddenly on March 13<sup>th</sup>, all the schools in Grenada were closed. Pat and Carrie began shopping and storing up on everything we might need for a long period of time. By March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Grenada went into a full lockdown. The government declared a mandatory state of emergency with a twenty-four hour a day curfew.

Churches were forced to close; no mail came in or out of Grenada. Banks, pharmacies, gas stations, and retail stores were closed. Even the farmers, fishermen, and bakers were not allowed to practice their trade. We could not leave our house or yard except for an emergency. There were designated days to shop only for groceries but little was available and soon ran out because they were not allowed to re-stock.

Robert is using the telephone to contact our church family. He is reading a Proverb, having a time of prayer, and trying to encourage them each day. On Sunday mornings, he shares a message from God's Word to each family on the phone. He also got permission from the police to deliver food to the shut-ins and others in need.

This pandemic has proven to be an interesting and creative time to serve the Lord. Let's pray together for safety and good health as we continue to trust, follow, and serve the Risen Savior.

In Christ,

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