

Judy's Jottings

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GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IS SO GREAT!

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Dear Family and Friends

This has been a month of storms and animals. While Betsy and the hand bell choir were away, we had a tropical depression drop by. It was welcome because it lowered the temperatures a little, and it has not been so hot since then. Last week we had no school on Wednesday, because a hurricane was supposed to be coming our way. It was supposed to hit in the early hours of Thursday morning, and so we thought there would be no school then either.

However, God had different plans. The hurricane became very narrow, which is apparently unheard of, and slipped between the islands without us getting any effect from it.

We woke on Thursday to find nothing had happened, so were able to have school as usual, even though only three students turned up.

The bell choir had a very successful trip to the States. It was a time of sharing and learning. For some of the kids it was the first time they had left the island. They visited many of the historic sights, such as the Statue of Liberty. One student was amazed to see his first dish washer. He didn't know such a thing existed.

While they were tripping, we had school as usual for the five younger students. We studied animals and insects and enjoyed having caterpillars, tadpoles and hermit crabs in the classroom for the students to observe.



On a less friendly note we have had some unwelcome animal visitors as well. Jilissa, who shares my apartment with me has found two tarantulas on the outside wall, and as she is petrified of spiders, I had to be the one to dispose of them. The father of one of our students came to do some work on the grounds and found a snake. It was long and thin, but not poisonous. He got rid of it for us. The other day we found a rat outside by a drain pipe and when it later died, Jilissa got rid of it. Two nights ago Jilissa saw a mouse scuttling around our apartment, so we are trying to get rid of it now.



This week we are going for our annual trip to a university for chemistry week, when we will be treated to experiments by a professor and his students. This is always a fun learning day for the students.

We enjoyed playing with a giant bubble maker that I managed to bring over with me.



Last night we marveled at God's creation as we sat outside watching two lady of the night plants flowering. These plants had 74 flowers between them. They only open at night, for that night only. They have a sweet perfume similar to a lily.



I am no longer the new kid on the block. Jen has a cute little golden retriever called Delaney.

Items for prayer and praise:

Praise God for:

- Safety from hurricanes and undesirable animals
- Edgar being fit and well again
- Wonderful experiences that the bell choir had
- Growth in numbers at the church I attend here

Pray for:

- All of us as we teach the students that they will see the love of God shining through us
- The younger students to know God as their Saviour
- Language learning for me. That I will be able to recall the Spanish that I have learnt and have the confidence to use it.
- Guidance as we explain the Biblical way of handling problems in their lives
- Pray for the older students to see God's faithfulness to them as they look back on their trip away
- Betsy as she leads the school

Here is a break down of activities of the week.

Sunday: I attend two services in the morning at Maranatha Baptist Church In the evening I attend a Spanish service.

Monday: In the evening we have staff Bible study and prayer time. Currently we are working through a study book called 'Experiencing God' by Henry T Blackaby and Claude V. King.

Wednesday: American sign language classes are held at the school.

Thursday: Bible study at Maranatha.

Friday: Staff meeting at 4pm.

Thanks so much for partnering with me. Each and everyone of you is an important part of what God is doing in this place.

Love, hugs and blessings

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