

He is risen! That is how the early Christians greeted one another after the resurrection. The response was: "He is risen, indeed!" Imagine the joy of the truth of the resurrection, after the deep grief and bewilderment after the crucifixion!

School is on Easter break here, for 2 weeks. We don't have a spring break. First because we don't have the 4 seasons, so spring break would be meaningless here. (We have 2 seasons: rainy & dry - hurricane season is within the rainy season.) But secondly, the church is very prominent in society, and so the break is very intentionally an Easter break. It is always the week before and the week after Easter, no matter what the date for Easter is. (Likewise, the break at the end of the calendar year is the Christmas break - that one is for 3 weeks. Also, we say "Merry Christmas", not "happy holidays".)

Oh! I almost forgot kite season. That is actually this time of year, around Easter. The trade winds from the Atlantic are stronger this time of year, so it is the best time to fly kites. Kites are generally homemade here, using either coconut flex (from the spine of a coconut leaf), or bamboo for the frame.

I (Reuben) have still been spending a lot of time with school-related responsibilities, including teaching Math 2 days a week to 3 different grades. I still regularly speak in churches on Sunday. For April I will be speaking in 3 different churches. (2 of the churches are without a pastor, so I help them about by coming once a month to speak and visit informally with church leaders.)

We had a wonderful celebration earlier this year for Pastor Kenneth Miller, for his 100th birthday. (Pictures below) He came over to Grenada as a missionary from Barbados in 1953 at my father's invitation (my parents had come over from Barbados to Grenada just a few months earlier). He assisted in evangelism and discipling, then he pastored the church at Calliste for a few decades, before retiring from the pastorate. He married a Grenadian, and has stayed, raised his family, and is still very alert and active. (He goes on walks in the community.) He has consistently been a man of integrity and a good disciple of Jesus Christ. He has influenced many for Christ.





(With his 2 sons: Gordon, on the left, and Paul, on the right. He also has 3 daughters, several grandchildren, and at least 1 great grand-child. FYI - the drink is a non-alcohol, carbonated juice (it can be apple, pear, or grape), which is a popular drink here at weddings and special occasions. Pastor Miller would have been very upset if they had served wine.)

With the break from school, I am doing some work on the land, which I normally don't get much time to do. Funny story: I had a bandaid on a finger, and some of the students wanted to know what happened to my hand. So I answered in language I knew they would understand. I told them that I was working on the land and the bush juke me. They nodded in understanding, and with no more questions, we got back to math. An American would say I scraped my finger on a broken branch, but the Grenadian way to express that is to blame the branch - "the bush juke me". "Juke" means it jabbed at me.

Thank you for your continued support, both prayer and financial. We would love to be able to sit and visit with you in person!

In Grenada,
Reuben & Susan Mains