

My Final Letter

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters.

"Now unto him that is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

Ephesians 3:20

It is hard to believe that Momma and I have been in the US for over two months! This transition has been more challenging than I could have anticipated, but God has been with us and provided for every need.

The last few days in Grenada were hectic and filled with drama. Momma fell and dislocated and fractured her shoulder just a few days before we left Grenada. She was in the hospital the day before we left getting patched up. In addition, the sale of the truck and the packing of the container were delayed until the morning we left. It was no doubt the craziest day of my life, but somehow, we made it on the plane!

We returned to Stone Mountain, Georgia on June 18th to the "labor of love" that both of our sending churches and my brother did on our house. In just a few months, they turned our unlivable house into a home. We had everything we needed, but had a long wait for our container due to many delays. As we waited, I had time to get adjusted, to relearn to drive (I had not driven in 15 years), and to prepare for teaching First Grade. We also had to deal with many details related to my dad's death that we were not able to do in Grenada. Things have changed a lot in fifteen years! The adjustment has been slow at times, but God is giving grace, and I am so thankful for all of you who have continued to give and for the many extra gifts.

The church in Grenada continues – We were able to leave it in the hands of the national pastor who pastors the first church my dad planted in Grenada. He will oversee the work providing several men who will take turns preaching. We are all praying that God will call on of these men to become the permanent pastor of the church. Please pray with us that this transition will bring "forth fruit" and cause the church to grow and to flourish.

As I move forward in this new chapter of my life and into a new ministry, I just want you to know that you have been a blessing to me, and I can never thank you enough for your sacrificial giving and prayers that made it possible for me to serve in Grenada. May "The LORD bless thee and keep thee:"

With love and thanks,

Carrie Mathena