

Judy's Jottings

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Dear family and Friends

Where has this the school year disappeared to? It seems to have gone by so fast. Was it not just yesterday that I arrived back in PR to get ready to begin school in August? The school year began and my health was not very good, but that settled as the year progressed and over all it has been a very fulfilling time. My class of three students have been a pleasure to teach and I have also enjoyed teaching Bible and Science to the older kids.

My recent frustrations have been connected with waiting for immigration to make a decision on my visa. As I write this I still have not heard what the outcome of my application will be. My visa officially ended on the 12th of May, but as my case is awaiting decision I am allowed to stay until the process is completed. I have been encouraged by verses that God has led me to. Philippians 14: 6-7 'Don't worry about anything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.' I hav to admit that there have been times when I have worried about the visa situation. There are changes in staffing for next year and some people we had hoped were coming are now not and some are coming for shorter times than they first indicated, but in it all God is in control and He knows. Another verse that has been encouraging me is Psalm 37: 7 'Be still in the presence of the Lord and wait patiently for Him to act.' Psalm 18:28-29 ' Lord, You light my lamp; my God illuminates my darkness. With you I can attack a barrier, and with my God I can leap over a wall.' God together let us leap over the immigration wall and may Your will be done.



In April I enjoyed having Jen Sands to visit for two weeks. We both enjoyed the three nights we spent by the beach. It was very relaxing. Opawa Baptist Church sent money with Jenn, so she could take the staff out for dinner. We went to one of my favourite restaurants. They have a desert called key lime pie, which is just divine.

Guess what was part of my meal! Yes. For me key lime pie is compulsory when I visit that restaurant.

Today was our last day of classroom work. Tomorrow we travel to the city of Ponce to go to a sign language programme at the university there. On Monday we will have a morning of various activities and then parents will come and we will have prize giving and everyone will go home for the summer.

This year Elizabeth is the only staff person leaving the island for summer vacation. Because so many of us are going to be here activities have been planned for the kids to come and enjoy with us. We are going to the other end of the island to visit the zoo. A very popular destination especially with the younger children. Another day we will visit a water park and on another we will go out in the boat of one of our parents. In June we will have a group here who will run a week long Bible vacation programme, and of course the highlight will be when we all attend Jen and Peter's wedding. Being able to see the students regularly over the break helps them as when they are home they have limited people they can communicate with freely.

Right now we have a work team here who have been a real blessing. They have helped in classrooms, fixed a leaky roof, fixed lights, repaired our computers and installed the new computers and data projectors that they bought with them. They are here for another week, so I am sure they will complete a lot more work.



Every afternoon they have been playing games with our students to free teachers to get some end of year things finalised. Water games are very popular on hot days and the kids have tie dyed shirts and socks.

Here some of our students are challenging a visitor to see who can be first to find a Bible verse.

Here are some things to pray about please:

- Pray for my visa situation. That God will give me peace as I wait and that His will will be done.
- Pray for safety for the kids over the summer break
- Pray for times of rest and relaxation over the summer break
- Pray for Jen as she gets married and leaves the island that has been her home for the past six years. We will really miss her and she will miss us. Pray for her and Peter as they start their married life together.
- Pray for the three young ladies who will be joining the staff in August. One is coming for the school year and the other two are coming for six months each.

