

# Judy's Jottings

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## ***WORKING IN A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN PUERTO RICO***

Dear Family and Friends

Happy New Year!! I pray that 2013 will be a good year for each one of you.

This morning I got some progress about my visa. I checked the website expecting to see the usual "under initial review" status and to my surprise, and excitement, it said that I am in the next stage. Apparently want some documentation of proof of something and once they have that they will make the decision. I am waiting for a letter to tell me what that document is. The end is in sight. I was so happy this morning I wanted to shout out loud, but restrained my self as it was only 5:30am, and I thought the other people in my area might not appreciate an early wake up call.

I had a lovely Christmas. I made breakfast for Betsy and Tess. Then I went with Tess as she took Betsy to the airport. When we came back it was time to go and join a pastor and family for Christmas dinner. We had a lovely meal and finished of the day with a game of Pictionary. My team won, which of course added to the joy of the game.



The best gift arrived on my Christmas Day, but on NZ's Boxing Day. It was the arrival of my newest grandson Asher John. He was 7lb2oz. He is a beautiful little boy and I can't wait to get to hug him. Hopefully I will do that the end of May, or early June.

The lovely ladies I work with organized a



scavenger hunt for me. They left a trail of gifts all over the school. It was so kind and thoughtful of them. They wanted to cheer me up, as they knew I was disappointed about not being able to go to the States over the holidays. I thank God for my PR family.

It was quiet around the school with only Tess and I here. I did a lot of sleeping, reading, knitting and some school work. On the 4th of January I went to the resort to relax. I had a lovely room. It was a



suite with a balcony that looked out to the beach. There were some good specials at the resort though and so there were people everywhere. I found the quietest place was sitting on my balcony looking out at the beach. I spent quite a bit of time there reading and relaxing. I did venture into the hot tubs a couple of times when things were a little quieter. It was lovely just to get away from the school.

School started back this week. We have seen all the students at least once this week. Attendance for some has been a bit erratic. We welcomed Alyssa, a new staff member, who will be here until the end of the school year in May. There are possible changes coming for us. We may have some more students coming. There are decisions to be made about that. Our volunteer family, the Yoder's, hope to move into an apartment at the school later in the month.

During January and February we are expecting to have quite a few visitors. Hopefully we will get some new cupboards in the kitchen and some other jobs done around the place.

Today I started telling the story of Joshua to two girls I have for devotions in the afternoon. They were both very excited about the story. We are doing it as a serial. When today's part was finished one of the girls said she didn't want to go home she would rather stay and hear the rest of the story.

For story time today I read the story of The Lion and the Mouse. The kids really enjoyed it and are in the process of making lion masks with paper plates.

I trust you all had safe and happy holidays.

Love

Judy

**Praise:**

- For all the wonderful people who pray and support me financially. I am so grateful for the team God has given to me
- For further progress with my visa. Watch this space for the final answer coming your way soon
- New staff and possible new students

**PRAY:**

- For the new staff to settle in
- For the new students. That if it is God's will they will be able to come
- For peace amongst all the visitors
- For safety for the people who will be working around the school
- For the students to attend school regularly
- For students to continue to be excited about their lessons, especially the lessons about God and His mighty power and love