

Cathy's Caribbean Quarterly



My last letter was full of talk about changes, anticipating still more changes to come. This is Vanessa, one of the students I worked with this summer during her clinical rotation. That aspect only changed in that I worked with both of the professors responsible instead of just Jilmary as in previous terms. The new piece this summer started when Jilmary asked me to help her out by taking over one of her classes for the summer term. Starting in the middle of the class was a challenge, and teaching a full class, as opposed to playing a supporting role, obviously has different demands. Both the students and I passed through a learning curve. While teaching is what I want to be doing, there is much to learn about the best way to do it. The material of the class was not a problem, but finding the best way to motivate the students to apply themselves is something else!

Perhaps you remember a few years ago, when I introduced my next door neighbor, Ruth. She is a very dynamic woman and is a strong leader in our church community. She is currently studying at a university to become a teacher. Over the years, I have been blessed by her counsel time and again, usually occurring with a baseball game on the tv to accompany our conversation. This summer I had to enlist her counsel as I struggled with grading the tests for this class, as many did poorly. As she has done with other situations, she helped me see the situation from various perspectives, as a student and as a teacher. Ultimately several students did not pass, but according to Jilmary this is not unusual for this class. I've learned some things to do differently in the future.



Progress on our church building has most definitely been made. This summer we had three construction teams come down to make sure we got the roof poured for the first floor. They worked hard to help us get to this point. It is on hold now while funds are being raised for the next level to be added next summer.

Please pray for finding the right balance with teaching the students, so that optimum learning can occur. Please pray for adequate funding for the church building process.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support! May God bless and guide you in all you do!
In Christ,
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