

Southeast Caribbean Dispatch

Late January / February Newsletter

All of you who are on Facebook check out Kandi's entries. She is posting almost every day. Those who are not on Facebook will have to wait for the next newsletter.

Jan 8 Th we left Nevada, MO, with its -4 degrees and headed for the Airport in Springfield, Mo. We flew out at 11:30 and headed to Dallas/Fort Worth airport, then on to Miami. We flew out of Miami around 9:30 AM Sat morning on the 9th and arrived in Barbados at 2:30 PM. All together is was a good flight.

Once in Barbados (hurray) we had to face immigration, with passport in hand and the custom duration and length of stay request, we approached the immigration window. Everything was in order only one thing was different and unusual. Our stay request was for six times greater than normal. Normal is for 30 days, ours was for 6 Months. I thought surely they would laugh and stamp it for 30 days, but no, he said 6... months, and stamped it for..... 6 months.

We then headed for Baggage claim to gather up our 5 large bags. Then on to customs to check our bags through. She asked to look at our 5 large bags and ask us how long our visit would be. We told her 6 months plus, she then looked at our custom declaration and it was stamped for 6 months, and was she surprise that anyone would get to stay that long without getting an extension.

Once we were at Kenroy's house we thought we would get to rest, not so, we headed out to the beach for a coupes gathering to play Rounder on the beach. ... It's not easy to run in that deep white, warm sand. See Kandi's Koment for more.

Sunday morning we left for church at 8: AM (church starts at 8:30) and we were back at Kenroy's around 12:30PM. We did get a short nap and then off to evening serves at 6:00 PM. The evening service was the ordination for 2 deacons and 2 elders, (hurray). This was the result of the Leadership class that was started a year ago last October when I came. Our next class has yet to be scheduled.

There have been times these last six months that I have wondered if we made the right decision, and really heard God right, that we were to come to Barbados... Yet we know that God's voice always leads to a deep, abiding sense of peace. Paul gives us assurance in Phil 4:6,7 *"Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* And we are at *peace with this decision.*

Monday house and car hunting; Tuesday more house and car hunting; Wednesday day of rest and study.

Stay tuned for the rest of the story.

Blessings in Christ,

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Kandi's Komments

Will they really leave or what will keep them from going? Tune in tomorrow for the next episode of "Saying Good Bye to the Griffith's for the Hundredth time!"

This was the message we got from friends in Indy when they finally heard we were gone.

We left Springfield, Mo Thursday and it was -4 and snowing. A good time to leave dodge. Flew to Miami, Fl and spent the night. We walked the whole airport to baggage, to claim all five of our large bags and take them to storage for the night. Then we checked in at the hotel and went up for dinner about nine PM. We were up at five AM just because we couldn't sleep. So went and reclaimed our bags and went to check them in again and go through security once more. No x-ray for us, so that was quicker. Couldn't find much open for breakfast at that hour either. Most full service restaurants didn't open until 10 AM. I can't say Miami Airport is one of our favorites. It does look like they are trying to improve it though, so will reserve final judgment. It was raining when we flew out of Miami.

The sun was shining when we landed in Barbados and I was finally excited. There was a wonderful brisk breeze and it was at least 85F. Made it through immigration and they stamped us approved for six months. Customs questioned it and I told them that was what we had booked our ticket for, she said OK, and on through we went. Kenroy brought the church van to pick us and our 5 large bags and 3 carry ons up, and we filled it. It is good to be here and we are looking forward to finding a place of our own to rent and call home for a while. So.....the saga continues.

In Christian Love,

Kandi



Ordination of 2 Deacons and 2 Elders



Two newly adopted grandkids, Kenna Jo and Preston Clarke's children