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## Grenada

Senior trip is an experience that will forever be engraved in seniors' memories, not to be forgotten. This was an experience that held "first-times" for everyone. For some it was the first time flying, for others it was the first time teaching Bible school, and still for others it was the first time in a third world country.

By Cara Lantz,  
Student Writer

M. was supposed to be the students' boarding time, they didn't actually

board until around 7:30 or 7:45 A.M.

Upon arriving in Grenada, the students soon realized that they were going experience a culture so different from their own that, in a way, it was almost scary. The relaxed, seemingly lazy atmosphere was a shock to some of the group, especially considering their fast-paced lives in Lancaster County.



Missy sits with some of the Grenadian children.

11 P.M. on Sunday, March 24, bags packed and ready to head for the airport. Though the evening was late, everyone was too excited to be tired. The class arrived at the airport (safely, thanks to Mr. Ehst) at around 4:30 a.m., tired and feeling sloppy. Mr. Harnish informed the airport that the group had arrived and was ready to get our tickets processed, and they informed him that without passports the students would not be going anywhere.

After three hours of not knowing whether or not they would leave that day, the group finally got word that they could go. Though 7:00 A.

Each day started out with a devotional by Mr. Harnish; then a breakfast was prepared by Mrs. Harnish. Bible school didn't start till 9 A.M., so the seniors had about an hour to do a few extra things like last-minute lesson preparation, a few extra minutes of "much-needed" sleep, or time to relax and catch up on what had happened in each others classes the day before.

The afternoons consisted of either going shopping, to the beach, sightseeing, playing with the neighborhood children (who constantly hung around outside the fenced-in mission house), or catching more "much-needed" sleep before the evening activities. One evening the students did community visitation, another they held a cottage meeting at a church member's house. Another evening the Grenadian youth planned a church service for them, after

which they played a few games, had a snack, and just hung out.

Tuesday, the seniors' final day in Grenada, came unwelcomed for some and very welcomed for others. The group headed back to the airport around 1:00 P.M., where they processed their tickets, which thankfully went

much better than before, boarded the plane, and headed back to Trinidad. The group had a few hours lay over, and passed the time sleeping, eating, playing games, or talking. They arrived at JFK Airport around 10:30 P.M. and then had about a three-hour ride home, which went

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## Missions Week

Missions Week has been really great. Lester Zimmerman started off the week by talking about

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what kind of people make good missionaries. He brought out the fact that missionaries need to have a love for lost souls. He also stressed that we can be a missionary wherever we are if we are in God's will.

On Tuesday John Stoltzfus of Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) shared the different ways CAM supports people in other countries and the ways it has touched many peoples' lives.

On Wednesday John Forry, who works in the Adams County Prison, shared about the powerful ministries taking place in our local prison. He stressed the importance of not imposing our own opinions and traditions on others and ministering with open minds and hearts.



John Forry speaks on prison ministry.

Charles Fox, our fourth chapel speaker, related stories from his five week mission trip in during November and December of 2001.

He went to the northern part of Ghana, Africa. While there, he lived with the natives, and he and the other members of his team held revival meetings in several villages.

In closing, Daniel Lapp, our Spanish teacher at FMH, talked about his experiences as a missionary in El Salvador. Although he now lives in the United States, his heart remains in El Salvador. He challenged us to be all we can be now so that we will learn the skills we need to work for God later.



## Principal's Corner

By John Harrison, Asst. Principal

### KEYS TO SUCCESS

Anyone, especially the seniors, wanting to be successful needs to take a close look at Joshua's life. His life is a "model: to follow in order to destroy "walls" on the road to success.

In chapter one of Joshua, there are at least four important steps to success, the first of which is to *be ready*. Moses is dead and now you Joshua must be prepared to lead this people (Joshua 1:1-2). The seniors have been getting ready for the past four years at Faith. They are putting their past failures, disappointments, and bad experiences behind and are now ready to go on with life.

The second key to success is to *begin, with the end in mind* (Joshua 1:4-5). Everyone should begin life outside of school with a clear goal (end) in mind. This goal must be two fold! First one must seek to become more like Christ each day of their life, while looking forward to reaching that final goal. Heaven!

The third key is to *be strong and courageous* (Joshua 1:6,7,9). Not once but three times God tells Joshua this key ingredient for success.

Fear and discouragement are two stumbling blocks Satan will use to keep anyone from being strong and courageous. God told Joshua that He would be with them just as He was with Moses. Today, we have the Holy Spirit with us! Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Psalm 8).

The final key is that we must *meet the conditions of success* (Joshua 1:7-8). This involves the following five important parts:

1. Obey all of God's Word (1:7b)
2. Never compromise when using the Word (1:7c)
3. Read the Word of God aloud (1:8a)
4. Meditate on the Word day and night (1:8b)
5. Be careful to do everything written in the Word (1:8c)

If you follow these four keys with all their ramifications, God says that your way will be prosperous and you will have good success. God bless you as you use these keys to unlock the full blessings of God.

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ride home, which went smoothly, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. High!

The senior trip was a time that God spoke, to the



Lynae and some Grenadian children smile for the camera.

senior class in general, to the missionaries, and to the Grenadian children.

So, speaking for the senior class, thank you to our parents – for letting us go and supporting us with prayers, FMH teachers and school board – for allowing us to experience another culture, Mr. and Mrs. Ehst and Mr. and Mrs. High – for driving our bus to and from the airport, and all those who participated in our fund raisers! We appreciated it very much and had a wonderful time!

## Another Perspective on Grenada

Tony Gochnauer

This year's annual senior trip to Grenada was both challenging and fun. It was great being with the rest of the senior class and getting to know them *a lot* better.

The main objective in Grenada was to teach Bible school. Teaching Bible school was a *challenge* but also a really good experience. The children at the Lara Bible School were incredibly well behaved; they sat still, most of the time, and listened to their teachers. The children at the Limes Bible School were entirely different. Their behavior and antics seemed to energize one another; this provided the teachers with an even bigger challenge.

To the seniors it didn't make a difference whether the children behaved or misbehaved, it was really cool to love people who had never received much love. Many of the children come from homes where their parents were not married. It was great to influence the children's lives, and to possibly make a difference that will last through eternity.

Another interesting thing that was done was going out to visit people in the community. The Lara group went to a place called "The Coconut."

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## Seniors Speak Out ... Describe your years at FMH



**Melissa Sensenig (left):**  
*It was definitely challenging, but also rewarding. I have grown closer to God and developed friendships that I wouldn't trade for anything.*

**Derlyn Martin (right):**  
*My years at FMH have*



*been interesting. There have been a lot of fun times and most importantly but is a place to experience God.*

**Veola Akinina (right):**  
*"My years at FMH went very fast. They were a time of maturing and growing up for me."*



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This group got the privilege of seeing a Bible School student's home and meeting some Grenadian people. The people there offered the group some Grenadian food. It was really quite good, although it took some nerve to try it. Grenadians eat fish that are gutted and fried, head tail and all. These fish are meant to be eaten in their entirety; two seniors, Tony and Abbey, being very brave and wanting to impress their friends, each devoured a head.

The seniors also enjoyed swimming and snorkeling in the Caribbean. Shopping was also something that was enjoyed. One had the opportunity to see different foods and other things that one doesn't see in America. The group also had the opportunity to buy souvenirs for themselves and for their friends and family. Another activity was singing for some of the members of the churches and other members of the community.

The seniors also had the privilege of eating an entire meal of Grenadian food. Some were slightly apprehensive about trying something new but once one got past the appearance of the food, which some people

didn't, it was actually quite delicious.

Overall, the trip to Granada was a wonderful experience. The seniors were able to step out of their comfort zone, try some new things, see some new places, and most importantly spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matt. 18:20)

By Jeremy Weaver,  
Student Writer



Prayer, an awesome way to praise our Lord, ask Him for our needs, and simply talk with Him, is required, should be desired, and is a foundation in our Christian walk.

Datebook		
May	17-20	Chorale & Evangelism Team Tours
	27	NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
	30	Last Day of School (45 days)
	31	Class Day Exercises and Graduation
August	26	First Day of School

## Prayer Meeting

About 8:00 A.M. every Tuesday and Thursday morning, a group of students meets in the conference room to pray and to worship God. For those involved, it is an awesome time to bring their needs and concerns before the Lord. To begin, they share their requests and concerns with the rest of the group. Requests believed to be still unanswered are again brought up.

Teachers, our school, the government, and unsaved friends are a few requests continually prayed for. As the heads bow and the eyes close, there is just an awesome sense of the spirit of God in their midst as they

start praying. As person after person brings the prayer requests before the Lord, the others, listening to the them praying, are reassured that God does hear prayer. It is a joyful time when the announcement is made that some prayer request has been answered.

After the time of prayer, David Gilmer brings out his guitar and passes some music around. A time of meaningful worship follows as everyone sings praise to God. The worship songs pull those singing into spirit of worship and set the tone for the day.

If you want to grow closer to God and would like an awesome time of prayer and worship with fellow students, come to prayer meeting.

## FMH VS...

	GUYS	GIRLS
<b>Terre Hill (home)</b>	Won: 3 Lost: 4	Won: 1 Lost: 2
<b>Terre Hill (away)</b>	Won: 6 Lost: 1	Won: 1 Lost: 2
<b>Central Christian</b>	Won: 4 Lost: 1	Won: 1 Lost: 4





# Tradition

Without conviction, losing tradition means losing very much of what we base our lives on, hold dear. If one who knows only tradition is forced into another way of thinking, another life, he loses what has kept him grounded and in so doing loses his very base. In losing this, he eventually returns to the instinct that has kept the human race alive for centuries, providing for oneself.

But then what is the difference between tradition and conviction? What is the difference between belief and the ignorant adherence to what generations before have done?

By Elizabeth Maust,  
Editor

If tradition, America, our way of life were lost, would we cling to the beliefs that have grounded our forefathers and, in return, us, or would they simply fade away? Many times these convictions are so intrinsic that they become tradition, become our way of thinking, our way of life. But, when challenged, which will stand?

I wonder sometimes if what we profess and claim to believe is really in our hearts or only forced into our thinking as tradition? Times will change, the people in our lives come and go; and still one needs something to fall back on. To have a life based

## Alumni News

### Births:

Congratulations to Jonas and Ruthie (80) Zook on the birth of their daughter, Renae Beth, on February 1, 2002! God bless you as you raise this child for Him.

only in tradition is to follow in ignorance others' leading. If this leading proves false, where will that life end? Tradition is good, well meant, but it cannot be all one believes. In order to search one's heart, one's spirit, one's mind, the only place to turn is to the One who made us. In Him alone there is hope that moves past tradition, past instinct. The instinct that is

inbred must die, tradition must be tested and proven, and then conviction is formed. And the life based in conviction will not die. Given challenge, it will last and grow.

So what is tradition and what is conviction? Each must separate the line for themselves, but to simply follow in tradition is a blindness that will cripple us all.

It is the infirmity of little minds to be captivated by every appearance and dazzled with everything that sparkles.

-anonymous

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