

# THE ADVENTURES

## Of Nate & Emmy

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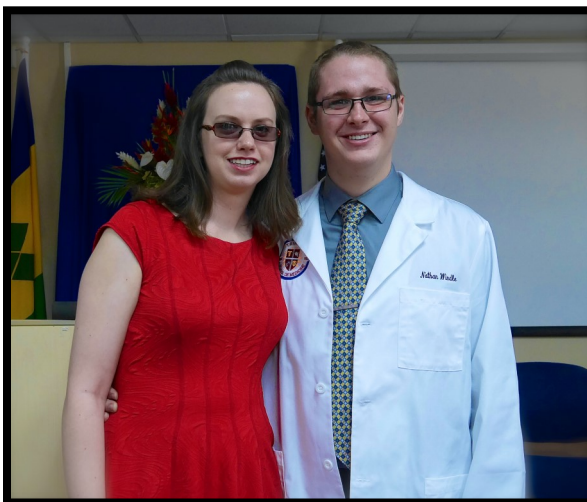
### -It's time for an update!-

We have been in the Caribbean for over a month and are so thankful for everything that God orchestrated in order for us to be here. On Thursday, December 22nd, we received the official news of Nathan's acceptance into the medical school program here in St. Vincent. During the few months that followed, we made the necessary arrangements to leave everything *but* two suitcases and a carry-on each behind. We were unable to leave our responsibilities in order to visit Trinity School of Medicine beforehand, so we did our best to research what we could about the acclimatizations to come, we prayed, and we moved forward.

On April 27th, we arrived on the island, and took a few days to rest after the whirlwind of packing our home and travel luggage, saying goodbyes, completing traveling paperwork, and finalizing last-minute ministry adjustments. As you can see from the pictures below, this island is a beautiful place to be!



Lush foliage lines the trail to medical school, dots the landscape from the hotel balcony, and decorates an outdoor patio with fresh bananas and flowers for the white coat ceremony reception.



The White Coat Ceremony is the official induction of new medical students by high-standing professionals into their field of study. The white coat is a symbol of the tremendous responsibility that the student accepts with becoming a professional in their industry.



Going out the door for the first day of med school.

Nate's first weeks were mostly review, but now his classes are getting heavier as his first quizzes approach. He began clinical rotations during the last week of May. His first term\* class visited a local hospital where they were split off into groups and sent off to different sections of the hospital. Most of them viewed various surgeries and dissections. (\*They go by "terms" here instead of "semesters".)

Emmy has been plugging away at work, learning to re-balance priorities as she adjusts to part-time ministry. She is wanting to minister to the students here without taking away from their necessary study time. Recently, she has been using her nail art skills to start making friendships, offering to pray for her new friends after creatively decorating their nails. We are asking for prayer, as Emmy desires to use her time here wisely and is willing to further her biblical education online, or begin volunteering in the area.



We celebrated our first wedding anniversary during Nate's first week of class!

A year ago, we had no idea that we would go through the journeys we have, and end up here. We are seeing over and over again that serving the Lord is definitely not a boring commitment!

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#### **Praise God For:**

- Safe travels! We transferred through 5 different airports to get here, and arrived with all of our luggage intact.
- Our St. Vincent residence permits that are going through their final stages.
- Friends and family who stepped in to help us move within our short timeframe.
- The opportunities to speak into the lives of those around us here in medical school.
- One year of marriage!

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#### **Please Pray:**

- For an even greater focus, memorization ability, and measure of wisdom as Nate continues his medical studies.
  - For our interactions with the students. We have already had some interesting discussions about salvation with some.
  - For a deeper walk with the Lord.
  - For Emmy as she desires to use her time wisely and is willing to further her biblical education, or volunteer in our area.
  - For wisdom as we make final decisions about which church to attend.
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