

**My Antigua Story**  
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Sister M. Paulette Nugent and I went to Antigua around the last week in August, 1995. When we arrived, we were met by Bishop Reece and the Irish Christian Brothers.

Hurricane Luis came shortly after and we had to move out of our house into the Science Lab of the Christian Brothers' School, for three days and nights. When the Hurricane was over, it was like a bomb had hit the whole of Antigua. As a result of Hurricane Luis, we had to eventually move out of our School/ Convent to a house just behind, but on the School Campus.

Life was a bit difficult at that time as we had few household supplies, little food and very little money to purchase anything - our funds could not be used for two to three months because we had deposited an Overseas Cheque in our Presentation Account. Sister Kostka transferred money to our new account for immediate use.

Our School opened within a month of the passing of Hurricane Luis. At that time, we had no longer had lights or phone service until November 21, 1995. The first phone call we got was from Sister Sheila Leonard, to wish us Happy Presentation Day. It was so strange to hear the phone ring. I hardly knew what the noise was! We played Skippo, with the use of a flashlight, turned sideways for light.

At the School I volunteered my services to help the teachers in teaching them how to teach reading ; was a support in helping them to make Teaching Aids; did workshop on how to set up Learning Centres in the Classrooms; acted as Substitute Teacher when the regular classroom teacher was absent; did supervision after school when children were waiting to be picked up by their parents; was a support to Sister Paulette Nugent, our School Principal.



Some of the Teachers who were not formally trained, needed help with their Lesson Planning, so I worked individually with them.

During the three years I lived in Antigua, I worked happily and fruitfully, carrying my Lantern and spreading my knowledge of Primary Education to the children and teachers there.