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St. Georges, Grenada. Look closely at the two churches. These were the shelters people relied on. As you can see the roof was ripped off both of the churches.

Bouncing back after Hurricanes Tourism can help

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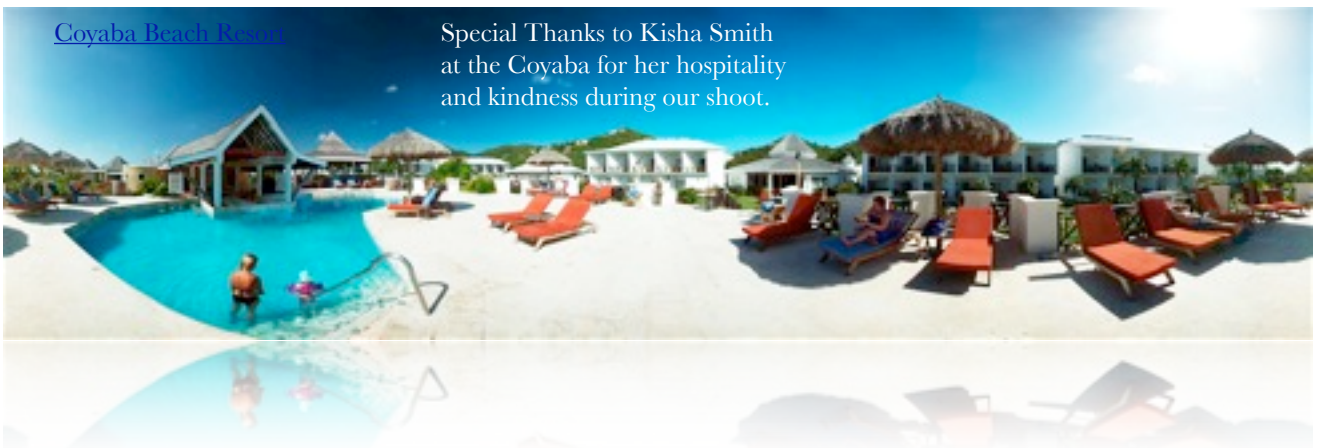
Winter Park Photography recently had a 12 day shoot on the Island of Grenada. Having gone through three hurricanes ourselves in Florida in 2004 we were very familiar with the story of Hurricane Ivan that devastated

Grenada in that same year. We are quite often called upon to photograph newly renovated hotels, which are renovated for different reasons. It can be just due to a change of bedspread, a change of hotel name i.e. Com-

fort Inn to a Clarion, or as sometimes happens in sub tropical areas, it could be due to damage from storms and hurricanes. Grenada, or "The Spice Island" as it is otherwise known was so badly damaged that even three years

[Coyaba Beach Resort](#)

Special Thanks to Kisha Smith at the Coyaba for her hospitality and kindness during our shoot.



after Ivan there are many signs of the destruction if you look closely.

In Grand Anse Bay, where the majority of the hotels are, the damage was so great that two of the hotels had to rebuild from the ground up. We stayed at the [Coyaba](#) hotel for the duration of our trip. The Coyaba was one hotel which had to start again. The hotel was closed for 17 months and opened up in February 2006. The result is a fabulous resort with an upgrade in quality and amenities from before. If anything, this is the positive that

comes out of such a destructive act of nature. The Coyaba is a great example of what can be done and what needs to be done to help bring back the economy of the Island.

Grenada is also famous for its spices and probably most famous for its Nutmeg crop. The majority of the Nutmeg trees were destroyed and will take time to grow back before production can get anywhere near where it was before Ivan. This was the source of income for many people in rural areas and it has forced them to go

bring out one children's book and give it to their rep at the hotel. Those books were then distributed to the schools that were in the most need. Virgin Holidays as a company also contributed sports equipment and in one case a school canteen roof. Ian took us to a school in the north of the Island where we saw first hand the cramped conditions the teachers had to deal with. The school consisted of an old church and an adjacent church hall. The classes were only separated by free standing dividers about 6 feet



from farming to other trades to enable them to bring in some form of income.

On our last day at the end of our shoot a gentleman by the name of Ian took us around the Island and gave us an insight into how life was really affected and told us about and showed us places that still need help. Obviously the tourism is concentrated in the area of Grand Anse where the hotels are, but towards the north end of the Island, probably due to its geographical location more than anything else, help is still needed. Ian pointed out many schools that are temporarily located in churches or makeshift school houses because the schools were destroyed by Ivan. He told us of how Virgin Holidays helped greatly by asking their guests to

tall. Therefore any noise can be heard by all. Not ideal circumstances for holding classes.

As you can see by the picture above, the children are still happy children, no matter what conditions they are in.

On the whole the Island is bouncing back, the newly rebuilt Spice Island Beach Resort as well as development by Peter DeSavory will make the Grande Anse beach a very desirable place to spend a holiday, which will in turn bring in more tourism and help the economy. We hope to go back soon to shoot some more on the Island. To see some Grenada 360's visit

www.winterparkphotography.com/360.htm



Food Shoot in Colorado Springs

5 star tradition at the Broadmoor

By Steven Graffham

In June we were lucky enough to get a shoot at the gorgeous [Broadmoor Hotel](#) in Colorado Springs. Our Art director and stylist for the shoot was our good friend Kathy Rowe, who along Kerrie Rosati we have worked with recently on our two New Orleans shoots in the spring and Coconut Grove back in January this year.

This was an intense shoot partly due to our flight delay on the way up there, which lead to us going straight from the airport to our first shoot at the mountain lodge. First was a dining set up and then one of Kathy's most amazing creations for a fireside rustic food station seen here on the right.

We had another three days of fabulous creations to shoot in what is a truly luxurious hotel at the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

This hotel is unbelievable, its location, its fabulous accommodations, its restaurants and food, its spa. It has everything you need to escape from the real world for a while. Even though we were on an intense shoot, the place still took a hold of us and is on our list of places to go back to. Check out their web site at www.broadmoor.com and notice our rustic food station shot on the home page.

To take a look at a selection of images from this photo shoot go to our [portfolio page](#) on the web.



Kathy did some great work with my personal favorite, the Tapas Station seen here below. This is impressive no matter what location she does it in.

The Broadmoor has hosted many famous people throughout the years including the likes of JFK and Walt Disney, even Margaret Thatcher stayed there once. Its nice to be in a hotel with history like that and enjoy the same views as those great people did. If ever you get the opportunity to visit the Broadmoor, don't turn it down. Its right up there in the top hotels list.

Right: Italian style food station, which was outdoors with wonderful views of the mountains behind.
Far Right: Tapas station in the hotels main building.

