

Interview With Owner of Various Businesses on Island

Excerpt from the description of the night when the owner's store had to be moved due to the volcano and the impact it had on his business:

MP: And there were about maybe 150 people was there. By my restaurant from the medical school. Cause I used to do the tours as well too. And the same, everything was alright. And then the night, about 6 o'clock, they said I have to move. Everybody in the village have to move. It was a quick move. (truck passes by) But went to the church, and sleep, me and the four children including my wife, and sleep in Salem right by the church. Definitely. You know? But, to say date for date I cannot really recall because (pause) I just look ahead. Because I never been back to my place yet. Never been back. And if you go to Cork Hill, and the roundabout you see a building that is my building. I never use it. And I have another building further up that I never use. Just live in there for a couple weeks because of the disaster and I end up in a little truck selling food, and then the beer, and then I build that blue building (points across street) in St. Peters and bring it over here in the crane truck. And then I start from there.

Business on the island currently:

DS: Umm, (pause) do you get a lot of business?

MS: I can't complain. That's all of it. Cannot complain. All it is that I don't have the capital to buy the kind of drinks and the kind of relish that we use for the people and they looking for it from me and we used to use it over at King's Hill. So it's kinda, little bit, you know, dull.

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