



THE VALLES FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

*Let them give glory unto the Lord,
and declare his praise in the islands.*

Isaiah 42:12

Dear friends and family,

November 2018

Happy Thanksgiving, and an early Merry Christmas to everyone. Here, every day feels basically the same. Hot or hotter, breeze or no breeze. Abby and Emily are very confused about what holiday it is. A couple of weeks ago, our girls walked into one of the grocery stores they affectionately call the “Merry Christmas” store. On the counter was an Easter basket for a discounted price, and Abby yells out, “Mommy, is it Easter?” Hopefully, one of these days, the store will get the holiday right.

Abby had a birthday recently, and she turned five. Amy is due with our fourth child, our first boy. We are very excited about that. The locals think we are crazy for having so many children. The baby is due in January, and, Lord willing, we will be having the baby in Turks and Caicos, but we will be seeking to register the baby as an American citizen soon after birth. We are raising our children in the fear of the Lord, and we praise the Lord for another opportunity to raise a fourth. Abby and Emily recently finished memorizing Psalm 100 in school. During our family devotions, Emily always has a prayer request that she gets saved. We continue to tell her about Jesus, but pray that God opens her understanding and that she gets saved at a young age.

We saw two saved recently. Cameron and Mareay. Please pray that they get grounded in their faith, and grow in Christ. One thing we are finding is that, once people trust Christ as their personal Saviour, they do not leave their church. Even though their church doesn't preach the Gospel, they are taught that they can lose their salvation, which is based on works. If that person does decide to change churches, locals will often get involved and shame them until they return to the church they just left.

Concerning the youth in our church, I am hearing from other pastors and people who don't go to our church, that our church is taking all the youth on the island. We don't “steal” the young people, we merely invite them. The locals find it unfair that our church has most of the young people. They then start to cause problems and harass the parents of our young people until the kids go to the other churches. There is a lot of this church politics here, and unfortunately, most people give in to this harassment. They go to the other churches, and hear unBiblical and false teaching. Here, it is very offensive to turn down an invitation to church, even if you already attend a church. Therefore, a lot of people feel pressure to attend the other churches. Pray that God will raise up men and women with “backbones”.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support

In Christ,
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