Dear Friends and Family, January 2018

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We arrived safely in the Turks and Caicos Islands on January 9 and have begun the process of settling in. God has blessed us with a beautiful, three-bedroom house and a small vehicle for transportation. We were able to get phones and internet working quickly so that we can communicate with the outside world. We quickly learned that this is not the U.S., and the internet is not nearly as reliable as it is in the States. We are also adjusting to the heat, the bugs, the costs, and life outside of the States. Despite those adjustments, we are thankful that God has allowed us to be missionaries here! Right now, we are at 96% of our support, and are praying that God will continue to meet our needs. We have found life to be a little bit more expensive than we were anticipating, expecially in regards to our work visas. We recently learned that dependents (i.e. our children) will cost \$500/yr/child instead of \$50/yr/child. We were not expecting those costs, but God already knew and will provide in His way. Thank you to those who have given special offerings to help us move and to those who have given Christmas gifts as well. We truly appreciate your prayers and support!

We have a new mailing address: Paul Valles PO Box 9

Harrison TN 37341

Our field address is:

Paul Valles Whitby

North Caicos, Turks and Caicos, BWI

and declare his praise in the islands.

Isaiah 42:12

ph: 1-649-342-8615

Some people have asked about sending packages. The easiest thing to do is to not send them. The mail is unreliable. If you want to be a blessing, send cash to our mission board, and we will buy the supplies down here.

We are bringing down 500 Bibles in our crates and we are thankful to those who have made that possible. We are excited to be able to get God's Word into the hands of those who have no Bible. Please pray that our belongings get here quickly and safely.

We have already had an opportunity to share the Gospel with a young lady named Treesh, please pray that she, and her family trusts Christ. The missionary we are working with already has us involved with preaching, teaching, and leading music at his church. Also, I have been able to get into the Bottle Creek public high school and share the Gospel in their morning devotions. We soon plan to begin having Friday night youth meetings as well as a teen Sunday School. Please pray that we see fruit from those ministries. There is a great need here to reach the youth.

Our kids seem to be adjusting very quickly to living in a new culture and environment. Abby came home from church and asked what color she is, and why the kids hair at church is so different from hers. It's funny to watch the children in church constantly touch our children's hair to feel how smooth it is. Emily loves to sing, and it is encouraging to see her happy. Sadie turned nine months old and is crawling all over the place. She likes to eat little bugs crawling in the house.

Prayer Requests:

- * Our work visas to be approved quickly * God would work in hearts to meet our remaining need for support (4%)
- * Souls to be saved and discipled, churches to be planted

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ

Paul, Amy, Abby, Emily, and Sadie Valles Missionaries to the Turks and Caicos Islands

