



# 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,

July 2018

We finally have our work permit receipt. This is what we have been waiting for, since January. The work permit receipt allows us to work here legally as missionaries. We know a couple here whose daughter is a lawyer, and we have been able to use her legal services for free. Praise the Lord, we finally have that document for this year. Unfortunately, we are not done with this process. Every year, we will have to renew our work permit. Also, every year, the church will have to renew it's business license. If the church's paperwork is out of order, we can't submit our paperwork until the church is up to date. We have checked into alternative ways apart from getting a yearly work permit. Right now, it seems that we will have to wait for ten years before we can apply for the alternative: permanent residency. But God is good. We have our work permit receipt (proof we submitted our paperwork and paid for the year). Now, we just have to wait for them to give us our actual work permit. Please pray that comes within a 12 month time-frame, but sooner is better.

We started a youth group and have been averaging 15-20 young people every Friday night. We spend time singing, preaching, praying, and playing games. The young people seem to be enjoying it, and are beginning to open up to us. We have even begun discipleship with one of the teen boys. We are praying that God gets a hold of these young people to serve God. Also, in August, we are planning to hold a Vacation Bible School. We are praying that people get saved, and start serving the Lord as a result of it.

Recently, Amy, and our kids all became sick and had high fevers of 103F. Amy and two of the kids were better after 1 or 2 days, but Emily's symptoms continued to get worse. When we decided to take Emily to the clinic, we found out that that particular day was a national holiday and all the clinics were closed and the doctors were off the island and away on vacation. I guess we are not supposed to get sick on holidays. Apparently, the hospital was open, but it is on another island. After several phone calls, we found out that there was one nurse left on our island, but we didn't know exactly where she lived. We drove to the area where we thought she might live, asked several people, and were finally led to her house. Thankfully, she was home. We ended up driving her a couple of miles to the clinic in our car. Once at the clinic, we found out Emily had a parasite causing the problems and we were given the meds. The medicine quickly helped Emily heal, and everyone is better. Life is an adventure, and it is exciting to see what the day brings forth.

Because English is the main language here, we are not attending a language school, but we are learning French via CD's. Some Haitians know French, others do not. If I were to learn Creole, the Haitian language, there are different dialects of Creole so not every Haitian we talk to would understand that either. I am continuing my French lessons, please pray that it sticks and that I take time to learn.

Also, Emily is very excited about turning three on Wednesday, July 25, Christmas in July. Culturally here, we have learned that on your birthday, instead of you getting gifts from your friends, you are supposed to give gifts to your friends.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ,  
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