

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

Abby Emily Paul Amy Sadie

Dear friends and family,

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Tucked away, off the beaten path, far from the eyes of any tourist, are small Haitian communities. One evening, we stopped the car, and continued on foot down a rough path that led to several homes that looked abandoned. The buildings were made mostly of plywood and some nails. Roofs were caved in, windows were boarded up, the main water cistern was cracked and useless, and there was no electricity or running water. As we approached these small homes, people started coming out to talk to us. It didn't take long to realize that they didn't understand much English at all. They wanted to talk, though, to practice what little English they knew. That night, I met three teens. The children are sent to school, and they learn English much better than the adults. These three teens understood what I was saying. As we talked, I was able to give them the Gospel. All three accepted Christ as their Saviour that night! As we left that evening, my heart broke for those Haitians who could not understand the Gospel. There is a huge need to learn their language so they too can be saved.

Our crates came at the end of January. There was no damage, and everyone here was shocked that we got them so quickly. Currently, we are in the process of applying for our work permits. We quickly realized that something simple can become very long and complicated here. We are waiting to receive some paperwork from the states, to be submitted with our work permit application. It is very difficult to know what documents are required here to obtain a work permit as government officials often disagree with each other.

Some prayer requests we have are: it costs us about \$150 every two weeks to put 2000 gallons of water in our cistern. If we can have a well dug, water would be free. Please pray that we can have that installed quickly to save us a cost we did not anticipate. Currently, we are at 94% of our support, please pray that God would meet our needs with additional support and gifts. Also, I have begun working on learning French as many Haitians know French, and there are too many Haitian dialects to learn if I was to speak to all of them. Please pray that God gives me the time and the ability to learn French to speak to these people. Please pray that we get our work permits quickly. This will be something that we have to do every year. Most importantly, please pray that souls get saved as a result of hearing the Gospel. We also have our first island-wide youth activity in two weeks. Please pray that God would be glorified through it.

Abby got saved!! It's always exciting when a soul is saved. But, I can't explain the excitement and the relief when your own child accepts Christ as their Saviour!! After Abby got saved, she was asking about Heaven. One of her first questions was, "Are there any bug bites in Heaven?" The smile on her face when she learned there are no bug bites in Heaven was priceless. Right now, my wife and kids all look like they have chicken pox, because they keep getting bitten by mosquitoes and sand flies.

One of the highlights in the girls' week is grocery shopping. My wife picks out an item, and Abby and Emily walk it to the counter. Back and forth they march collecting and depositing all our groceries. We go to four different stores to get our groceries for the week. What our girls call "the Merry Christmas store", their favorite grocery store, has candy canes filled with treats for sale. It's March, and the Christmas candy is still there...not thinking it's too fresh. But the first thing Abby and Emily say to the cashier is, "Merry Christmas!!" Sadie just turned 11 months old and is almost walking. It's not uncommon to find her randomly laying on our tile floor. When it's hot in the house, that is the coolest place to be.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ,

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