



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

February 2017

Dear Family and Friends,

We just got back a few days ago from a month of serving in Turks and Caicos. It was very busy. Some of the things that we did were: we held Bible studies in peoples homes weekly, when we did a VBS there almost three years ago, we saw 8 young people get saved, well, a few weeks ago, I was able to baptize two of those boys. Also, we were able to lead their dad to the Lord, his name is Jawane: pray that he gets baptized and grows spiritually. I was able to preach four Sunday evening services and taught four adult Sunday School lessons and led singing during all the services, gave the Gospel as a devotional in four public schools (three elementary schools and one high school) and one boy got saved as a result of that. My wife taught the children's Sunday School each week, she thoroughly enjoyed that.

Some fun/strange things that we experienced were: electricity went out many times for 15 min-hour each time. Electricity is very unreliable, yet expensive. We ate pigs ear and pigs tail in a soup. We knew there was a meat in the soup that we didn't recognize, but only found out afterwards what it was. I can now add that to my list of unusual things I have eaten.

Almost every day, we were hot and sweaty. January is the coolest time of year to be there. They have two seasons: the hot season, and the hotter season. I affectionately call it the buggy season and the buggier season because if the wind is not blowing, sand flies (no see 'ems) are flying around. They are literally so small that they can fly right through mosquito netting and eat you alive so you have to keep your house windows closed when there is no breeze. But God is good, despite the weather and the bugs, we can't wait to serve the Lord on those islands. It is always exciting to be in the center of God's will.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for Rocky, our landlord while we were in Turks and Caicos, I got to talk to him at length about the Gospel, but he attended the Jehovah's Witness cult in the past and did not believe that Jesus was God. Thus, it held him back from understanding the Gospel.
2. Pray for Amy, she is due in 7 weeks with our third girl. Pray for her comfort and safety as we travel, and for hers and the baby's good health to continue.
3. Also pray that we can finish raising our support and get to the islands by the end of the year. Currently, we are at 64% of our support.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

In Christ,

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



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