



Caleb • Paul • Emily • Abby • Sadie • Amy • Ben

Dear family and friends,

November 2021

Keisha had been a faithful member of our church, up to about a year ago, when she got married, and moved to Provo. She had lived on our island for several years, and had taught in the public school, and was even the principal for a time. Keisha was well known, and loved by many, on 4 of our islands. She, and her husband, decided to take a trip, but wanted to avoid Covid hotspots. Instead of traveling to the US, they decided to travel around our islands, where Covid numbers remain low. During that trip, she got Covid. She was transported to the Dominican Republic because Turks and Caicos doesn't have the facilities to handle serious cases. Within a week, she was dead. She was 41. Her death shook this country. Her last words to her husband were: "Trust Christ". A couple of days later, their pastor had the privilege of leading Gregory, her husband to Christ. Since then, her husband has changed. He has been faithful to church, he has found comfort in his wife's death, and he has begun to grow in Christ. Though it was an unexpected loss, God turned it into a great gain. One day, they will be reunited in Heaven. They both have a clear testimony of salvation.

Her funeral was this past Saturday on the island of South Caicos. Eleven of us got together, and hired a charter boat to take us from North Caicos to South Caicos, 45 minutes each way. Saturday morning, we waited and waited for that boat to arrive. People were frequently calling the boat captain, on their phone, asking when he would arrive. His answer was always, "5 minutes". After an hour and a half waiting at the dock, we found out the boat captain wasn't even on the boat. He had someone else operating the boat for him, and he never called the driver to confirm anything, nor had he given instructions to meet us on our specific island. The boat was waiting for us on another island. Though disappointed we wouldn't make it to the funeral, that is island life. Please pray for the family.

Thank you so much to those who have given to our church building project. To date, we have raised over \$65,000 dollars. That has helped build the walls, buy the windows, repair the roof, and get some electrical/plumbing work done. We are continuing to raise funds to get the house ready for us to move in. We are waiting on the roof to be shingled, as well as windows to be shipped from the states. Covid has slowed production/shipping down quite a bit. Our church, Trinity Baptist, has raised a little over \$5,000. We are excited to see that this church is excited about giving as well. Please pray for us as we continue to raise money for this project.

Abby recently turned 8 yrs old. Emily is continuing to learn to play the ukulele. Sadie loves to ask questions that her older sisters have already asked. Ben loves to randomly walk in my office throughout the day, and "shoot" me with a PVC gun I made him. And Caleb loves to pull the chairs out from the kitchen table, climb up on them, then climb onto the table, and stand up with arms reached upward in triumph...that is, until we see him and grab him off the table.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

In Christ,  
Paul, Amy, Abby, Emily, Sadie, Ben, and Caleb Valles  
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