



THE VALLES FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

*Let them give glory unto the Lord,
and declare his praise in the islands.*

Isaiah 42:12

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

Dear family and friends

March 2021

Our economy has been hit pretty hard as a result of Covid. Work is hard to find and few tourists came this season. Our church bus driver moved to another island to find work. We are praying that God would either allow him to return quickly or that God would raise up another bus driver. Our tourist season will dwindle down dramatically toward the end of April, these last couple tourist seasons have been dangerously low for the economy here. We continue to pray for people to get steady jobs.

Our kids are on their summer break right now. It is nice and cool outside so we let them enjoy the weather. Abby will be starting 3rd grade and Emily will be starting 1st grade. Sadie and Ben have both made it clear that they want to sit there with their older sister in school and learn. Ben also loves to wrestle his dad, and Caleb is getting some teeth and is learning to sit up all by himself.

Covid came to our island and our deacon and a few others became sick as a result. They stayed home for a few weeks. Now, they are all doing well and recovering. Their biggest complaints about the disease was that they had a complete lack of energy and a persistent cough. Church attendance dropped significantly when everyone found out that some regular church attendees got sick from Covid. Attendance is slowly rising again now that they are recovering. Meanwhile, this is also the time of year that a lot of people have a cough anyways caused by dust floating through the air. We praise the Lord the number of total cases in our island chain has dropped drastically.

Our church recently inherited some property with a house structure on it. Several of the teenagers volunteered their time and energy to help clean up the property. There was garbage and bush all over the place that they have been helping to clean up for the past several weeks. We have hit some government red tape, but we have a desire to fix up the house as a parsonage. Pray that the process goes quickly. We thought island time was slow, then you combine Covid time with island time.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ,
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