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Dear friends and family,

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"Hello!", we heard a woman's voice calling out, announcing herself as she walked up to our house. It was Nerissa. She works mainly as a nurse in our government clinic, but today, she was taking a government census. We invited her in to get some reprieve from the hot sun, and we sat down at the kitchen table. She looked over her list of 200+ questions but decided to only ask us two quick questions. As we sat there, talking, she recalled recently walking the road next to our church for exercise one particular evening, and as she was walking, it started to rain. Soaking wet and tired, she stopped right outside our church for about 5 minutes to listen as we sang songs of praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. From the darkness, she peeked in through the church windows, unbeknownst to us. She really enjoyed what she saw and heard. Now, sitting at our kitchen table, she told me that she would bring her family to church that following Sunday, and she did. She is a single mother, but she brought her visiting mother, her sister, and her son. They all really seemed to enjoy it, and have been coming ever since. They all heard the Gospel, and expressed interest in hearing more. Please pray for Nerissa and her family that they would be saved. You never know who's watching from the shadows.

There is a church nearby that places a great emphasis on works-based salvation. They have rules, to be saved, and to stay saved, you must wear long sleeves at church. As a man, you cannot have long hair. You cannot have a TV, though you can watch Netflix and such on your iPad and laptops...I was talking with a young man (Charles) the other day. He is in his early 20's, but still lives with his parents and brothers. They all go to that church. I got the opportunity to share the Gospel with him, and was able to break down one by one his questions concerning what his church believed about salvation, and what the Bible actually teaches. The Lord has been at work in his heart. As I showed him the Gospel, he said, "You mean I don't have to wear long sleeve shirts to go to heaven, and I don't have to do those other things either?" He got so excited and mad at the same time. Excited by the burden that was being lifted, and mad at the church that taught him a false gospel. By grace through faith alone, he placed his trust in Jesus that evening. Please pray that he would grow. He works long hours and doesn't often have time to go to church or meet one on one.

I also wanted to say, "Thank you" to those who have given toward our church chair project. It has encouraged our people. We have raised enough from our church and stateside partners to not only purchase the chairs, but also to help cover the additional costs of getting them here. Thank you so much for being a blessing. We are expecting to receive the chairs in early November.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ,
Paul, Amy, Abby, Emily, Sadie, Ben, and Caleb Valles
Your missionary to the Turks and Caicos Islands