



# 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*

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

Dear friends and family,

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Every Sunday morning without fail, Miss Paulette, an older Jamaican lady, would sit in her pew at church, next to the window, staring outside, watching the cars drive by, during the preaching, not daring to make eye contact with anyone. She has been coming to our church for several years. Witnessing to her, we were never able to get through, because she always changed her story to agree with us. Sadly, one day she told us her granddaughter had recently been brutally murdered by her boyfriend. But still, Miss Paulette didn't want to talk about salvation. A couple of months later, my wife and I drove to Miss Paulette's house, praying for an opportunity to share the Gospel and for Paulette to understand and get saved. Like so many around here, she thought she could just add Jesus to her list of good deeds, ensuring salvation by covering all her bases. One by one, as we talked with her, she began to realize that every good work she trusted was unable to save her, and must be rejected. In the end, only Christ remained sufficient to save her. That night, she believed on the Lord Jesus Christ alone, to save her. We rejoice in a merciful God who still saves.

We have several people in our church who come regularly, but either profess that they are not saved, or they knowingly add works to salvation, thinking they are all right. Please pray that the Spirit would soften their hearts, and they would be willing to believe the simple saving Gospel of Jesus Christ by grace through faith, without works.

We were very surprised to meet an Amish couple from the states. Apparently, they both came from other backgrounds. Talking with them though, they reminded us of many people we meet here who believe that Jesus isn't enough to save. "You have to do good works", they say "or you're not saved". And of course they believe that you can lose your salvation. This false gospel is heard preached from pulpits all across Turks and Caicos, even from so-called Baptist churches (except ours).

It is ironic that the same pastors who preach good works salvation on Sunday morning, are also the same pastors who are infamously known for going to their mistress' house immediately following the Sunday morning message (every Sunday). I have come across many people recently citing "hypocrites" as their reason for not going to church. Their religion is vain, but sadly, these so-called pastors are destroying their own personal testimony, and leaving many with a bad taste in their mouth for Jesus. As Jesus said, in Mt. 23:15, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

On a more encouraging note, our bus driver was away for a month, visiting his family in Haiti. While he was gone, one of our men stepped up and drove the bus for us. What a blessing it is to see men in our local church step up, willing to stand in the gap. I was also sick one Sunday, and had to miss church, but praise the Lord, another one of our men was willing to preach on such short notice. We praise the Lord for men who are willing to be servants.

Our family is doing well. Our kids have grown very attached to our dog. Our friendly American neighbor has four dogs as well. They all spend a lot of time at our house, so our kids enjoy playing with them all.

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

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