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Dear friends and family, September 2023

Isaiah 42:12

"Sorry, pastor, I said I would come to church, but haven't." - those were the words Britain, a teenage boy said to me. I had just turned on the ac's in the church, and walked to my car, when I saw him. He used to come to our church several years ago. He had most recently been to our youth rally. While there, he had asked questions, seemed like he was searching, and after the youth rally, said that he would come to church sometime. It was a promise I hear all too often, but I rarely hear the words, "Sorry, pastor". When he apologized, I accepted his apology. He let out a huge sigh of relief, as if an invisible burden had been lifted off his shoulders, I encouraged him to come to the service that night, and he did. Praise the Lord. The Lord is working in some people, and we would never know it. Pray that Britain would keep coming.

A few months ago, I met a family from Guyana, South America who had come here for work. They both went to church in Guyana, but neither was saved, though they were leaders in their respective churches. I had the opportunity a few months ago to lead the wife (U-han-cee) to the Lord, and more recently, their oldest son, Jayden. They have started attending the services. Pray that they would grow, and that the rest of the family would be saved as well.

We meet people from all over the world. A couple from England lives here part-time, and are here for months at a time. Amy has befriended the lady, Amelia, and had a great opportunity to share the Gospel with her, and this dear lady prayed to ask Jesus to save her. Before she left for England, we gave her a Bible, and she has started reading it. Please pray for her that she would be a godly influence in her husband's life. It is amazing to consider that the Lord brings people from all over the world to Turks and Caicos just so they can get saved, and then they go home wherever they are from. We serve a merciful God who truly does love the world so much that He is involved behind the scenes leading souls to Jesus through all sorts of crazy circumstances.

During some of our evening services, some men have been willing to sing a song with me, either in Creole, or in English. It has been a blessing to the church as well as to those who get up and sing. We are praying that the Lord would raise up leaders - fellowworkers - in our church. This is a great opportunity for them to serve.

Family News:

We recently painted the girls bedroom a bright turquoise color. They love it. Now, their bedroom looks finished. Now the boys won't stop asking when we will paint their room. But, in anticipation of hurricanes, we are first looking to buy some more hurricane shutters, and install them. Most of our windows have storm shutters already, but some of our windows have deteriorated since they were installed. To buy the storm shutters for them, we need to raise \$4000. Hurricane season is always an exciting time of year.

Thank you for you faithful prayers and support.

In Christ,
Paul Valles
Your missionary to the Turks and Caicos Islands