

January/February 2021 Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a good start to 2021. We are doing well here. The weather never gets super cold here, but this year, it has been even better. We are at 70 degrees today, and I am loving it; especially since our dining "room" is outdoors at our new apartment.

Our COVID restrictions here on the island have gotten even tighter since our last prayer letter, which has brought some changes for our church. The two main rules that affect us are that business have to close at 8:00pm and churches are only allowed to be at thirty percent capacity, which for us is fifteen people. Of course, we are doing everything we can to stay open, so we are following all the rules. Our Wednesday night prayer service has become just that: a prayer service. We do not have time for a full message, so one of us usually shares a verse and then we focus on praying. It has become a sweet time in the middle of our week. As far as Sundays are concerned, we are up to eighteen members and regular attenders! We have had a Scottish family and a Chilean lady who have been coming faithfully for a month or two now. Obviously, this is a blessing and we are very excited about what God is doing here. However, because of the capacity limits we have had to go to two services. We are asking people to reserve a spot and also have a plan for certain people to wait for the second service if necessary. We have our first one at 10:45 and then repeat the exact same service at 12:30 with the exception being that the second service has been only English thus far because everyone that attends it speaks English. Of course, we would love to have more visitors and have to do it bilingually also. We even have a plan for a third service if necessary because we think God is just going to keep working!

As far as our family is concerned, we are still just as excited about and in love with our island as when we first moved here. We truly love it here! The boys are entrenched in the school year and play on basketball teams; although right now, they can only practice and are not allowed to have games. Christy is enjoying the island and the location of our new apartment. Sometimes she will just walk from our house down to the water and walk for a while and other times she will walk up to the church so we can have lunch or coffee together. I am truly thankful for my family!

I am also thankful for all that each of you do for us. I want to say a special thank you to everyone that sent Christmas offerings. They were truly a blessing, both to us and the ministry here.

Thank you for your prayers and support, Markie Bullock