

December 2022

Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

I guess it is starting to look like Christmas for most of you; although on our island, Christmas looks a little different. We are still in the 60's, and I like it that way; I am definitely not one who dreams of a white Christmas. I prefer the sun and island atmosphere, even though it has been cloudy and rainy lately. It is, however, starting to look like Christmas here as well. Last week we had a youth activity where we walked around looking at lights, eating churros, and drinking coffee and hot chocolate. We actually had eight teens at our activity; three of them have never been to our church before! Our next activity will be at our six hundred square-foot house; it should get interesting. Our hope is to have more visitors and I will give the plan of salvation. We started our youth group Sunday school on November 6th and God seems to be blessing already.

As you know, we have had a young family, Jason and Jessica Stanley, working with us for the past three years. They have been a blessing in many areas. Last month they informed us that they would be leaving Spain and heading back to the U.S. Please pray for them as they try to figure out what God has next for them. Of course for us, that means there will be some holes to fill. Our boys, Nick and Sam, will now become the piano players for the church, and I have already talked to the first man who started coming to our church about covering the adult Sunday school class, and others have already asked about helping in other ways. Many times people do not step up until they see a need, and it is always exciting to watch God work in others as needs arise. For me personally, I ask you to pray for wisdom in moving forward. As you know, we are hoping to start a second church here on the island. but that becomes more difficult physically and financially without the Stanleys. Of course, we still plan on going forward, and as usual, I have ideas on how to go about it; you might even hear about that in our next prayer letter, but ultimately, I want to do it exactly how God wants it to be done.

Of course, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy your time with your families, and if for some reason you dream of a white Christmas, I hope you get that as well. I will be here enjoying my island. I want to say a special thank you to all of you who send extra money at Christmas! It truly is a blessing!

Thank you for your prayers and support, Markie Bullock



