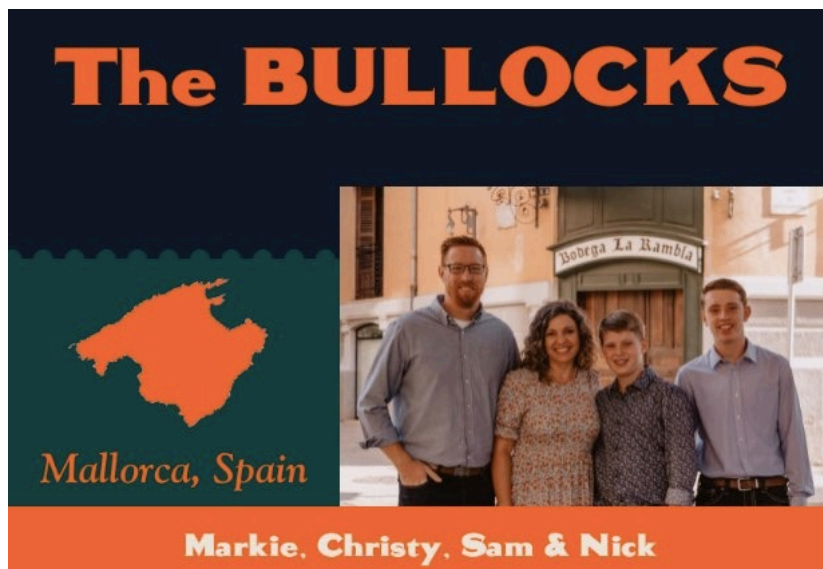


Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

I hope this letter finds all of you doing well. Here on the island things have started to slow down and cool down. Our high today is 65 degrees, so I had to put on a jacket. All the tourists are gone, and everyone is back in their routines of school and sports. Basketball has started back up for the boys and I; Sam has not yet been able to play this year due to having to recover from a dislocated knee. He has been doing physical therapy now for six weeks and has four weeks left. Everyone is getting ready for the holidays. Of course they do not celebrate Thanksgiving here, but we will take the day off and enjoy some time together, food, and American football. Christmas, however, is a big deal with lights, manger scenes, and Christmas markets everywhere. Then on January 6th (the 12th day of Christmas) they celebrate Kings' Day where the three wise men come bearing gifts.



In October, we had our missions conference. We had Ed Taylor and his family in from Germany who we have been supporting for several years now. It is always a great time when we get to be around missionaries, have our international dinner, and make our faith promise commitments for the year. Every year we have several new people, that is one of the great things about a young church plant, so I always preach on tithing and giving, specifically on faith promise, in the month of October. This year was even more exciting because we now have our own missionary out of our church. As you know, we ordained Carlos Hernandez last missions conference. So this year, Carlos preached the first Sunday of the month, I preached the second, and Ed Taylor preached the third Sunday, all focused on missions!

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, we usually begin to focus on the things we are grateful for. I was thinking that some of you have been supporting since 2005 when we first went down to Mexico; that's nearly 20 years! Others have taken us on more recently, and some of you have even started supporting Carlos through his board. Many of you have given extra money at Christmas and helped with projects down through the years, and we know that all of you faithfully pray for us, some even on a daily basis. We are grateful for everything God has allowed us to be a part of, and we are grateful to each of you for having a part.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Markie Bullock

