The BALLINGER Family

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends,

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There is nothing better than serving Jesus! The last three months have been busy, but they have been well worth it.

The family and I were able to fly back to the States for a few weeks to be a part of the Who Will Go Camp again this year. Those two weeks are always highlights of our year. We saw young people trust Christ as their Saviour, others surrender to missions, and many make decisions to follow the Lord more faithfully. It is a blessing to watch God challenge the next generation through this ministry. Many who have come through the camp have also had the opportunity to work with us here in the islands. While in the States, the children attended music camp, youth camp at our home church, and Brother Duane Moore's Missionary Kid Program. These camps are always a spiritual blessing and give them time with friends back home.

Shortly after camp, I returned to St. Vincent while the family remained in the States. I came back to fill in for Brother Wilson Joseph while he is on furlough raising support to plant a church in the Mesopotamia area. Please continue to pray for Brother Wilson as he raises support and as we begin evangelistic outreach into Mesopotamia.

Since returning, several teams have come down to work with us. Our field director and friend, Brother Nathan Saunders, came down with four others. One day we drove to a village to give out Bibles, but rain hindered most of our plans. We were still able to stop at the police station, talk with several officers, and give them Bibles. Because of Brother Nathan's law enforcement background and work as a police chaplain, he connected well with the officers. My friend Matt Pawley with In the Trenches Ministry and his son also came down. We stopped in another village and met several people who did not have Bibles, so we gave them Bibles and children's coloring books sent by Antioch Printing Ministries. Getting those materials through the port came with a little excitement too. While standing in line, I gave a tract to a Rasta man who did not appreciate it very much. He started cussing me, God, and about every other white man while making quite a scene. It was another reminder that there are often barriers and opposition when trying to get the Gospel into people's hands. Please pray for wisdom and open doors as we witness and share God's Word.

The work in Layou continues to move forward as we preach and teach there each week. Recently, a lady contacted us about renting a building along the main road in Layou. Someone is currently renting it, but once they move out, she wants to show us the building. Please pray that the cost will be something we can afford. Our hope is to use it for regular services, Bible studies, and evangelistic meetings while continuing our street ministry. We believe this could be the next step toward establishing a church in Layou.

Please also pray about an opportunity coming up in December. A longtime friend has asked us to spend the month traveling through several countries in Europe, working with missionaries and pastors and helping in areas that need churches. One goal is to help churches begin "Every Village" type ministries in their own countries. This will be the first mission trip our children have ever taken. America is home, but St. Vincent is home to them too, so they do not always see living here as being on the mission field. We want them to see firsthand that the need for the Gospel is much bigger than the islands where they have grown up. For the last two years, instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, we have been saving toward this trip. Christmas and birthday offerings given to our family have gone toward it as well. I have also been helping churches and ministries with printing tracts, signs, banners, and prayer cards, and all the proceeds from that work, along with the proceeds from my books, are going toward the trip. They will get to see where McKenzie grew up in Romania, spend time with their grandparents who are missionaries in Bulgaria, and travel through more than ten countries sharing the Gospel. I do not know where the Lord will one day send our children, but I believe this trip will have a lasting impact on their lives and help them see the need around the world.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support. We are continually reminded that none of this would be possible without churches and friends standing behind us. Please continue to pray for wisdom, open doors for the Gospel, and many more souls to come to Christ.

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