

# The BALLINGER Family

CHURCH PLANTING ON THE ISLANDS OF ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Dear Pastor, Churches, and Friends,

January 2025

Happy New Year! I pray each of you had a wonderful holiday season. With the birth of Baby Ivy, we were blessed to spend this Christmas with our families. Though McKenzie's parents are on the mission field in Bulgaria, we had the joy of celebrating with the rest of her family. We also spent Christmas Day with my family and my grandfather, George Trask, who is now 92 years old.

Since returning, we've visited a few supporting churches and participated in one of the *Who Will Go* conferences in Spring City, TN. It was an incredible week, and we witnessed God moving and working in the lives of those who attended.

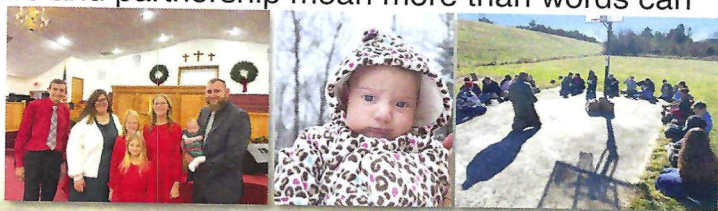
I had hoped to send out a different prayer letter, but I feel it's important to update everyone on what's been happening. Our original plan was to return to Bequia on January 4th, but Ivy's Social Security card was lost in the mail, delaying her passport application. We then rescheduled for January 18th, but those plans were also canceled due to health concerns for Everleigh. She has been experiencing worsening issues with her tonsils that now affect her sleep and cause her voice to sound muffled. After consulting her doctor, she is scheduled for surgery on March 11th to remove her tonsils and adenoids. This delay has been beyond our control, and we sincerely ask for your prayers for Everleigh's surgery and a quick recovery.

I am scheduled to fly out on January 25th to St. Vincent, where I will assist with meetings in a new village and make plans for mission teams scheduled to visit in March and April. Although some details are still being finalized, we are excited about the opportunity to preach in multiple villages this year. We pray that God will open the doors for new churches to be planted in villages where there is a great need for Gospel preaching. Additionally, I ask for your prayers as I will be looking for a large house in St. Vincent that can serve as both our home and a base for hosting mission teams throughout the year.

I also want to extend an invitation to join us in the *Every Village Project*. We'd love to host teams of 5-10 people to work alongside us in the villages—preaching, teaching, discipling, and training. These teams will be involved in the foundational work of church planting by assisting with evangelistic meetings across St. Vincent and the Grenadines. If your church is interested in partnering with us, please email me to discuss details and plans. Specifically, I have the first week of March open for a few men who might like to join me for street meetings and possible tent meetings.

In closing, I want to thank you once again for your faithful support of our family, the *Every Village Project*, and the ministry in the islands. Your prayers and partnership mean more than words can express.

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