



LUTRA LETTERS

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Happy Holidays!

Praise the Lord!

- **Pastor's Training has started up again, and they have 14 now enrolled!**
- **God has given me the chance to return to Eleuthera at the end of this year!**
- **Praise the Lord for the privilege to serve Him!**
- **Praise the Lord for family and friends!**

I am so blessed. I have been thinking about my life, and how much the Lord has given me, and it blows me away. I am so excited about this holiday season. I am spending Thanksgiving with my boyfriend (Ryan) in Dallas, and then a few short weeks after that I will be returning home to spend Christmas with my family. I also have the opportunity to return to Eleuthera a couple days after Christmas. I wasn't sure at first if I would be able to return so soon, but the Lord worked out all the details. There is a team from Cedarville that is going at that time, and the missionaries asked that me and Ryan go as

staff again to help out. Right now there is only one missionary family with the Bible Training Center that is living in Eleuthera full-time, so it's a huge task! We were, of course, happy to help. We are leaving December 28, and we will be returning January 8. During that time we will be assisting the team in 3 school assemblies, reconstruction from the hurricanes that hit the island, a dinner celebration for the new students enrolled in the pastor's training, and other ministry. I will also get the chance to reconnect with



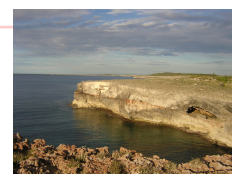
the girls from my Bible study this past summer, and other friends whom I have had the chance to build relationships with in Eleuthera. I would like to ask you to pray for me as I return there. With each trip, God draws my heart nearer to the people of the island, and I see the people's hearts grow closer to God.

Prayer Requests

- **Pray for everyone traveling this season**
- **Pray for open hearts as we minister December 28-January 8.**
- **Pray for the people of Eleuthera.**
- **Pray for the Voss family as they continue to minister full-time.**

Eleuthera? Where's that?

I have received a lot of questions about the island itself lately, so I figured I'd tell you a little more about the island. First of all, it's an island in the Bahamas, east of Florida. Eleuthera is just two miles wide by 100 miles long. It was the first of the Bahamian Islands to be settled by the British, when the company of Eleutherian Adventurers arrived in 1648 escaping religious persecution in Bermuda and England. They called their island 'Eleutheria' after the Greek word for freedom. They speak English, and while some things in



their culture are very different from ours, a lot of their culture is very similar to the US. They are very laid back and relationships take priority for them. The terrain is mostly limestone and sand. Being surrounded by water, the islanders are dependent on the sea. Fishing is a big source of income. A lot of things that they need though, they must import from other places.



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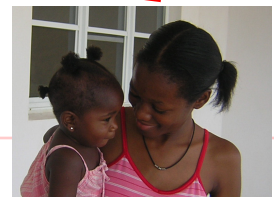
Matthew 28:19 Go, and make
disciples, of every nation....

The Banyan Tree is a huge tropical fig
tree that grows in Eleuthera. This tree
pictured is the largest on the island,
and is an excellent climbing tree!



I wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
this season! I am blessed to have you all in my life! I am
spending Christmas at home this year with my family, and
Ryan is spending the holiday with us as well. This year I am
working at Cedarville, and it's been so great! I am learning
to be faithful here while I wait for what God has for me
next. Thanks for all of your prayers! Enjoy the holiday
season. The Lord has given us all so much to be thankful
for!

God Bless,
Emily Pfeister



Discipleship

On December 30, a team of ten Cedarville students will
travel to Eleuthera. They are members of the Disciple-
ship Council at Cedarville University. During the week
they will spend in Eleuthera, they will not only do
school assemblies and work on restoring the training
center from the damage left by the hurricanes, they will
also be leading discipleship training classes to the lo-
cals of the island. There are a lot of people who become
Christians on the island, but are then left hanging with
no discipleship, so they don't grow. The goal is to train
the stronger Christians of the island to teach the new
Christians and help them grow in their walk
with the Lord. The training
classes the team will pro-
vide will be a
great start in
accomplishing
that goal.

