



PCPC PASSPORT TO BAHAMAS



**Julian and
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Meet Our Missionaries

Julian and Christiana grew up in Nassau, Bahamas. Julian is a teaching elder in the PCA. This couple has sensed the Lord's call to more actively participate in extending His Kingdom, specifically through church planting in their place of birth. The Lord has burdened Julian and Christiana to see Bahamians develop a more robust devotion to their Savior. Operation World lists four prayer challenges for the Bahamas: materialism, a low Christian commitment coupled with widespread nominalism, the increasing alienation of the younger Bahamians, and a growing Haitian diaspora.

The Russells want to glorify the Lord by planting a healthy church that focuses on: instituting an indigenous leadership development plan; incorporating formal theological training; establishing transformational mercy ministries; integrating medical missions and disaster preparedness; and facilitating short-term mission trips.

The land of sun, sand, and sea desperately awaits the Son of Man to shine more brightly through the hearts of Bahamians!

Prayer Points

- Pray for the government and people of the Bahamas. We need a spiritual awakening.
- May the Lord send us the right people to complement MTW's work including pastoral help and people to serve the schools.
- That the Lord will sustain our church, and that our members will become more engaged in what the Lord wants to do through all of us.
- For a stand-alone building. We may have found one for rent that is closer to our ministry-focus area.
- For the many recipients of our Mercy Ministry efforts in Yellow Elder, Grand Bahama, and Abaco.

Use the password "Passport" to watch a video with Julian and Christiana Russell
<https://vimeo.com/504492732>



BAHAMAS



CAPITAL: NASSAU

POPULATION: 379,100

CAN YOU FIND THE BAHAMAS ON THE MAP?

Taste of the Bahamas

Coconut Cake (Candy)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups grated coconut
- 1½ cups of sugar
- ½ cup of water
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp ginger powder
- ¼ tsp baking powder

1. Bring water to a boil and add coconut.
2. Cook for 5 – 10 minutes and add sugar.
3. Stir constantly and cook for additional 25 minutes until the coconut hardens.
4. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients.
5. Place spoonfuls on a plate or wax sheet and allow to cool and harden. Enjoy!

Country Overview & History

The Bahamas is a country of over 700 islands (30 of which are inhabited) in the Atlantic Ocean. It was a British colony that gained its independence in 1973. The population of the Bahamas grew as African slaves were granted freedom. Today, it is one of the richest countries in the Americas (behind USA and Canada) with an economy based on tourism and finance. The Bahamas are known for 100,000 square miles of the world's clearest ocean. They also have coral reefs that are famous among divers. Most tourists come from the United States since it is so close by. In September 2019, the Bahamas were hit by category 5 Hurricane Dorian which devastated much of the northwestern Bahamas. Recovery is still in process.

