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Quarantine Life for Family of Faith

Family of Faith is well! Our Lord has been faithful to all the members of our church. We are all healthy and are kept safe by God. As I write this letter May 7, we have had 680 virus cases with 15 deaths. We are completely trusting in God. We are in total confinement. There are 2 days a week that we can go outside of our homes to go to the grocery store and the pharmacy. Everything else is closed. Public transportation is not running; and 80% of the population uses this means for transportation. This has made many things difficult, especially as one goes out to shop for food.

My job has become shopping for brothers and sisters who have no means of transportation. Also, the brothers and sisters who have more are sharing with the brothers and sisters who have less. The Lord is taking care of all of us. God is moving in so many ways. Many are becoming more empathetic. We see God's hand in the little details. Families are more united, doing things they haven't done together before. Some spend time in the Word together, they help their children with homework, and work together to get chores done. Praise God for this time to be together as family at home! As a congregation we have stayed connected through social media. We have our preaching time via Facebook twice a week, and we communicate through WhatsApp. This allows me to minister to our congregation through daily devotions. We are also using these means to pray together for one another. This has brought much unity. There is more time for brothers and sisters to share with me. I have been on the phone for over an hour with many, encouraging them in their new day to day. There are many effects



because of the quarantine. There is much depression and discouragement. Understandably so, with all that we are going through. Something new for us has been having Sunday school classes with the kids online. The children share their crafts with us via pictures and postings online and they tell us what they have learned. The parents are helping them, of course, and this has brought great unity! We are doing well as a church. Thank you for your prayers for Family of Faith.

A Little Physical Relief

There are over half a million people in extreme poverty, and we are beginning to see the effects of this. So many people live day to day with what they sell each day. As now everything is closed, there is no way for these people to receive an income. People are just surviving. Many will not receive any salary for the first half of May. As I have heard of needs from the pastors around me in more rural areas, we have helped as we have been able. It seems to me we have helped a little, but there are so many families who are lacking the basics. Our first effort was to provide 10 families with a package of basic needs. The second time we helped out 12 families. I am joining up with other pastors in the area to help. The care of God is beautiful and His mercy goes with us daily. May the Lord continue to sustain us.



Steps of Faith

A pastor friend of mine contacted me to ask me for a favor. He wanted to borrow the church building to baptize someone who had received Jesus. This person has been diagnosed with cancer and is very delicate. He didn't want to wait any longer! His desire was to pass through the waters of baptism. His wish was granted on May 6th. In the middle of a quarantine and respecting the social distancing rules, we carefully filled the baptistery with water. My heart was so full of thankfulness as we arrived at the church for the first time in 45 days to be a blessing to someone. What a blessing to be a part of God's work as he continues to move hearts!



***I want to wish all the mothers a very
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.***

***“The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”***



Here are my prayer requests and thank you for praying for my life and for the ministry here.

**Pray for the Lord's protection during this pandemic.*

**Pray for the Lord's care for the people of Family of Faith.*

**Pray for the challenges we have in sharing the Word via social media. May His grace and power be manifested each time we preach.*

**Pray for wisdom and direction to know how to help those in need, both physically and spiritually.*

Stay Healthy.

God Bless you.

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