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Making Disciples Among the People of Honduras

Spring 2020

What a wonderfully challenging time it is in which we are living. While we may ponder what God's purposes are, we can rest in the knowledge that he is at work and works all things for good to those who love him.

May that hope help you cope well and find ways to bless and be blessed as you navigate these awkward times. We are praying for you.

Please participate in God's work in Honduras by reading the following update and taking some time to pray.



20-second summary

- COVID-19: We have been providing food for Hondurans affected by the government's safety protocols.
- World Reach team members throughout Latin America are working together to produce curriculum that pastors can study at a distance.
- Our family was in a serious car accident on March 1, but God protected us and has been providing for what we need to replace the cars.



Humanitarian relief

As I write this, in Honduras there are nearly 3000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. That may not seem like much compared to other countries; but, even under normal circumstances, the medical infrastructure here is inadequate. Already the few hospitals capable of treating patients are overwhelmed and many are turning away elderly patients.

In response to the presence of the virus, the government has implemented strict measures to increase social distancing. Currently, adults are allowed to leave their homes 1 day every 2 weeks according to the last digit of their national ID number, with exceptions given to essential personnel. This day is supposed to be used to do the banking and shopping necessary to care for your family. Masks are required to enter

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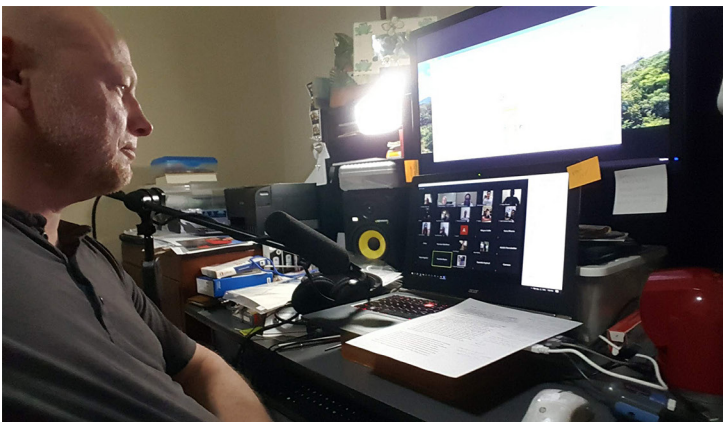
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any business. No one is supposed to be out after 5:00pm.

I understand that similar measures in the States have caused strong debate. Here these measures have created much distress for families whose breadwinners are not able to work from home. Many day laborers have been without steady income or no income for 2 months now. The concern has been that malnutrition may cause more problems than the virus.

Fortunately, here in our city there has been a good deal of cooperation between the local government and many missions organizations. World Reach-Honduras has identified 65 families in our church plants around our city that we are trying to help. For \$23.38 we are able to purchase a good-sized bag of staples that can help a family with their food and hygiene for about 2 weeks. On two occasions we have been able to distribute this assistance.

It is an honor for us to be a part of God's strategy to do good during this time. Would you please prayerfully consider being a part of loving others in this way? Donations can be sent to World Reach via regular mail or the secure website indicating "Physical Relief - Honduras".



Reformatting our church leadership training curriculum

The pastoral training classes that we had planned for April were cancelled. And as we do not know how long the current situation will continue, we are working on alternatives. Together with several World Reach missionaries in Colombia and Peru we have been working on adapting classes for distance learning. Unfortunately, the students in our programs in Honduras and Peru live in places and circumstances where poor access to the internet does not allow us to provide lectures or other materials by that means.

We are working to develop a few classes whose lectures can



be saved to a micro sd card which can be watched on a cellphone. Although at this moment there is no way to deliver the sd cards and the printed study guide that will accompany it. (The majority of our students do not have a personal computer or a printer.) Mail services like we know them in the States do not function in these rural areas. These materials will be delivered by bus to be picked up at the local station. So we are working to have this ready when the bus routes open up again.



Family matters

We are grateful to you for your prayers on our behalf during our recovery from the automobile accident we had on March 1. Thankfully, there were no broken bones and no significant head traumas. We thank God that everyone involved has recovered well.

The accident was my fault. Our car was uninsured but the other driver's car was. So I must repay his insurance company. With many businesses closed due to the Corona virus this is still unresolved. I have communicated with the gentleman from the other car and he informed me that the insurance company considers his car totaled, however I have not received any confirmation from them.

My brother-in-law is currently lending us a car he was going to put into service as a taxi. At this moment taxis are not allowed to circulate, but we don't know how much longer he is not going to need his car. Would you please pray that God will provide for what is needed to fulfill my responsibility with the other driver and to purchase a "new" car for our family? At the time of writing, God has provided \$5,500 of the \$12,000 we believe that will be necessary.



Prayer matters

- Pray for our protection.
- Pray for God's provision for these 65 families from our churches.
- Pray for wisdom and creativity as we create curriculum to train church leaders.
- Pray for God's provision for the costs of the automobile accident.

Thank you for being our partner

Thank you for investing your time to read our update and to pray for us. You are an integral part of what God is doing in Honduras. We are grateful to have you alongside us.

If you would like to make an investment in our COVID Relief efforts please include the comment "**Physical Relief - Honduras**" with your donation to World Reach. Likewise if you would like to help us with the expenses of the accident, please note that your donation to the ministry of Peter Simpson is for "**car purchase**".

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