



WORLD REACH

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On the Other Hand

Since the reopening of our church after quarantine, many interesting things have happened. Many have not come back to church. Others feel fear of gathering together. The elderly have chosen to stay home. Many parents will not bring their children to church. Others are discouraged. I have tried to understand, encourage and minister to all that I am able to. Many different areas of the church have been affected, especially in the leadership of Family of Faith Church. The restructuring has not been easy, to know who we can count on and who we cannot. This has been draining and difficult to figure out. On the other hand, God has been bringing new people to the church each weekend. We have has a least 7 new families coming each Sunday. We are full of joy to see how little by little they have become a part of the services and activities. In December we had baptisms. This came about because the new families coming asked to be given the opportunity to walk the next step of obedience, baptism! This pandemic has led many to take steps of faith and to search for God. Almost 50% of the people attending Family of Faith are new. God is faithful to place in the heart the desire to be drawn to Him.

Baptisms

It was a blessing to see 6 young people pass through the waters of baptism. These were our first baptisms since the pandemic and quarantine began. It is so exciting and significant for our church.



Working Among the Communities

The work among the communities continues. In December we collaborated with various churches. I was able to help a group of pastors from new churches in the western part of the country. We wanted to encourage them, so we had a simple gathering where we gave them some gifts, a lunch, and a bag of basic food staples. This encouraged many of them to continue working among their people, in their communities. They are so happy to receive even a little gift and a little physical relief during this crisis we are living. Each family lives

their own drama and has their own needs. To give a little food generates gratitude towards God. Also we shared the Scriptures with them and prayed together. Their souls were comforted. Glory to God we have the privilege of serving this way.

The Lord continues to open doors to preach the Gospel. We have been teaching on anxiety and fear with many churches in the area. We have also given a seminar to 50 new leaders among local churches. Next month, the topic will be Biblical Counseling. It is an honor to teach the Word of God.

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for protection from the virus*
- *Pray for wisdom in leading God's flock*
- *Pray for wisdom as we teach in different areas*
- *Pray for strength and love to continue helping among the communities*

God Bless you.

In Him

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