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Missionaries to the Local Churches of America

March/April Update

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

We have certainly been reminded how things can change in a moment! One day we are on the road traveling from church to church, and the next day we are under a "stay at home" order and churches across our country are ordered to close.

At the beginning of March, we traveled to Colorado for a Home Missions Conference. It was similar to the conference we attended in Oklahoma earlier in the year. Many church planters were able to present their needs and were able to have those needs met and even gain some support. After the conference, we visited a church near Colorado Springs and was able to preach and present the ministry. We also met with the church planters that we are scheduled to help in the month of September, before we headed back to Texas.

Earlier in the year, we had helped a church in Florida locate a van to purchase for their van ministry. After a few days being home from Colorado, we packed up and left for Florida to deliver the van. At the same time, Ginger's Grandma had a heart attack and was not doing well. We delivered the van and was able to visit with Grandma for a few days. We are thankful we were able to see her. The Lord always works everything out. While in Florida, we started hearing more and more about the coronavirus and how it was beginning to affect the United States. We were hearing rumors about travel being restricted and businesses closing, so we left Florida about 4:30 in the morning and drove straight through to Texas, stopping only for fuel and bathroom breaks. When we arrived home a "stay at home" order had already been put in place. The church we were supposed to be helping the remainder of March and into April had to cancel. We were disappointed that we were not able to help them. We had prepared, we had designed tracts for them, had them printed, and were ready to blitz their city. We are praying that the virus will diminish soon and that we will be able to put them back on the schedule.

During this time of lockdown, we have been spending our time working on things for the ministry, studying God's word and distributing tracts when we have gone to do our "essential" errands. We have also been using this time to encourage and to witness to those we know who are having difficulty with the things currently going on in our world. We have also been able to do some much needed repairs on our travel trailer. We replaced our bathtub (which had several large cracks in the bottom) and was able to replace the motor and fan on our air conditioner, just in time for summer! We have been watching services online every service. We are so thankful for technology and for our Pastor and staff putting the services up so we can worship together as a church, even though we are not physically together.

We are praying for each of you and want to thank you for being faithful to continue sending support during this unusual time. We are praying for God's will concerning this virus and the restrictions we are under. We are looking forward to getting back on the road, back in churches, and doing what God has called us to do.

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