WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK. I'M MIKE CORNELL.

A LOT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING'S "HOSPITAL REPORT" AT 6:00 AM. FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T KEPT UP, HERE'S WHAT HAPPENING AMONGST OUR RADIO STAFF.

3 OF OUR 6 FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS ARE BATTLING COVID, ALONG WITH THEIR SPOUSES. ALAN KILGORE, OUR CHIEF ENGINEER, WENT INTO THE HOSPITAL LAST THURSDAY WHERE HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH DOUBLE PNEUMONIA. HE IS CURRENTLY IN ICU BUT THANKFULLY HE IS IMPROVING AND HOPES TO GET OUT OF ICU PERHAPS TODAY OR TOMORROW.

RICH FRISCHKORN WAS RUSHED TO THE SHAWANO HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE MONDAY AFTERNOON. HE WAS HAVING BLACKOUTS LASTING AS LONG AS 20 MINUTES. HE WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO A HOSPITAL IN APPLETON. I WAS ABLE TO TALK WITH RICH BY PHONE YESTERDAY MORNING. HE SAID HIS OXYGEN LEVEL IS GOOD AS LONG AS HE IS LYING DOWN. WHEN HE TRIES TO STAND UP, HE BLACKS OUT. IN TALKING WITH HIM YOU CAN TELL HE IS VERY WEAK AND TIRED.

MONDAY NIGHT, WITH MY URGING, PEGGY WENTLAND WENT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM IN SHAWANO TO GET CHECKED OUT AS HER OXYGEN LEVELS WERE LOW. THEY KEPT HER AND SHE IS ON OXYGEN. AT THE TIME OF THIS RECORDING, SHE WAS AWAITING TRANSFER TO A HOSPITAL THAT HAS ROOM FOR HER. SHE SAYS SHE IS FEELING MUCH BETTER.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THESE 3 STAFF MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS. IN TALKING WITH THEM, THEY ARE DEEPLY TOUCHED THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE PRAYING FOR THEM. JUST AS I WAS.

WITH 3 OF OUR 6 FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS OUT OF COMMISSION, THAT PUTS A LOT MORE STRAIN ON THOSE REMAINING. IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS THAT YOU REALIZE JUST HOW MUCH THEY DO ON A DAILY BASIS. SO PLEASE PRAY FOR US THAT WE CAN KEEP UP WITH ALL OF THE ESSENTIALS. AND ESPECIALLY PRAY THAT NOTHING BREAKS DOWN. THAT IS DEFINITELY ONE THING I CANNOT DO.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND A GET WELL CARD YOU CAN SEND IT TO THE RADIO STATION IN CARE OF THEM. THEY MAY NOT GET IT UNTIL AFTER THE FACT BECAUSE THERE IS NO VISITATION FOR COVID PATIENTS.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.