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PRAYER LETTER FOR MAY 2020

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Dear Friends,

This is an interesting verse: 2nd Chronicles 24:4, “*And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.*” It describes most of what we have been doing during the past month of May!

During the nationwide lockdown, Jaimie and I have been busy repairing the house of the Lord. Indeed we have been doing all sorts of jobs that needed to be done such as painting Sunday School rooms, fixing benches, and working indoors with our church vehicles. By “indoors” I mean in our auditorium. We are hoping that once our people can reunite and church re opens, we can do so in a recently painted nice place!

However, opening soon may take longer than originally believed. Everyone thought we would be having church services soon. However, the Guatemalan president announced recently that we may be under national lockdown for yet another month! Needless to say, this has created more anxiety. Financially, the Guatemalan society is being forced to survive on the little they had to begin with. Spiritually speaking, many have stopped “attending” their churches. Please pray we can try to comfort, and minister to our folks at this very difficult time.

But not all is bad news: besides the recent wedding we mentioned in our last letter, in May we also had the celebration of a “*quinceañera*” (pronounced king-say-ah-nera) which is the equivalent to the Stateside “Sweet Sixteen” celebration for young ladies. Here in Guatemala as in most Latin American countries it’s a big deal. In our church, we always use opportunities such as these to witness to the many relatives of the young lady. Therefore we were able to preach by Zoom to all the unsaved friends who were watching Miss Ann Argueta’s 15th birthday coronation, and the Lord blessed! Several lifted their hands responding to the invitation to be saved. I am beginning to see that virtual meetings can indeed be used of God for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Also we have been sharing the Gospel and distributing Gospel tracts in our own neighborhoods where it is still allowed. Many welcome the Gospel, and we pray the Word of God will not return void.

We are also conducting our services and Sunday School classes, regular preaching services and Wednesday night Bible study by internet. Please pray we can continue to do so. At times our internet provider has failed us, but in most cases it has been ok.

Our naturopathic medical ministry has been actively attending the needs of patients who now can only do so by phone calls or by the internet. Thus far we have been able to treat and witness to those that do call, albeit in a much less way that before. There are many who consult us for anxiety, insomnia, anemia and stress. Thank goodness we have been able to help so many, especially with God’s peace which passeth all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

We appreciate your prayers and support as always!

For souls,



1st Timothy 1:12, “*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.*”