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How do we live and love like Jesus when we're locked in our homes for months on end? With Easter approaching we asked ourselves this question. This was our answer.

Three weeks earlier our neighborhood association had announced a "driveway chalk art" contest to encourage people to get out and interact with their neighbors, from a safe distance of course, and so we joined in. We drew a beautiful picture of a rainbow with a message inside the bow: "God's reminder that there is HOPE after the storm".

So we decided to do it again for Easter with a beautiful stained glass cross and the words: "PEACE with God through JESUS CHRIST." We completed our art on Thursday evening only to learn that there was rain in the forecast for Saturday and Sunday. So we asked God to preserve our message and keep back the rain.



Friday dawned bright and sunny. All day Saturday it remained dry too. But Sunday's forecast was not looking good. On Saturday afternoon the president of the home-owners association sent a message to the 95 homes in our development, reminding everyone of the bylaws. I decided to reply and thank him for the good job

he does as president.

Almost immediately he replied as follows: "Thanks for your note. By the way, we love the message in your driveway. Would you post it on the neighborhood Facebook page?"

Suddenly we had the answer to our problem! And it was at the invitation of the president! So we posted it, and within hours, 46 of the 50 neighbors who are on Facebook had seen it.

On Saturday evening the rain came and washed it away. But it's still on Facebook!



Opposition and Opportunity

You may remember that our theme for the Annual Crossworld week of prayer in January was “*Great Opportunity, Great Opposition*”. Who would have thought that both would come in the same package: a global pandemic?

Opposition? For sure. We’re concerned about the economic impact as it relates to the support of our workers and our home office operations. We’d appreciate your prayers for that.

We’re concerned for you, our partners in this ministry. Some of you have lost jobs, income, or seen your investments shrink significantly. Others have family members who are hurting. Many have had to miss important family events like weddings, graduations and in some cases, funerals. We have been praying for you in this time. If you have specific things we can lift up in prayer, please email us.

But is this crisis an opportunity? We sure believe it is. And it goes way beyond driveway chalk art. From many places in the world we’re receiving reports of a surge in the number of unbelievers who are curious about the gospel and are attending virtual meetings of the church. Thousands of people who would not attend a physical meeting of the church are “attending” and hearing the gospel. This might be a great time to invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker to listen in with your faith community!

On Easter weekend we took the opportunity to connect (virtually) with some of the international student friends we’ve made in recent years, to reminisce about the good times we spent together on previous Easters and to remind them of what it’s all about for a Jesus-follower. We explained the gospel and invited them to listen to a great message on the resurrection.

Travel restrictions have presented us with another opportunity: Dale has used the extra time to finish up work on a new book, entitled, “*Giving Outside The Box: How to be Generous Now and Wealthy Forever*”. He’s very excited about sharing the message of the book with others. Pray that we would get it edited and into print in God’s right time.

Travel restrictions have also put a “kink” in our plans to be with our children when they give birth to our grandchildren this year. Last time we wrote there were two new ones on the way. Now there are three! They’re due in April, June and September. We’d love to be there, but we’re holding those desires with open hands.

These are challenging days, but they’re good days too – because God is up to something big. Here’s a short video message from Dale to our field staff that you might find helpful. May God help all of us to see what He’s doing, and to join Him in it. <https://vimeo.com/405942026/22f9ece427>

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,

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