



Dear Friends and Family,

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We hope and pray that each of you are doing well. Here in Costa Rica, we are facing a second wave of the virus that is much worse than the first. Within a few days of allowing churches to hold services, the government went back on reopening for most of the country. Those that can hold services have very strict rules and most people are not comfortable with attending. We have continued to hold online services during this time. Last month, Michelle organized the first ladies meeting for our church plant. There 13 present including a 3 girls and several visitors. This month, they have planned another ladies meeting. Jeremy has continued to preach 2-3 times per week. Jeremy is currently learning to use a new streaming software which should help us do better online services and outreach. In light of the present government restrictions and the current trajectory of the situation, it appears that online services may be our only way to meet for quite a while. The church in Nicaragua has also faced a very tough time. The government has done very little to limit the spread of the virus. Hospitals are overwhelmed. The economy is suffering tremendously. We have been able to help with some economic relief during this time.

As for our family, it has now been nearly 4 months since we have been able to leave the house regularly. Our kids have continued to do their home studies, and currently have a brief mid-year vacation from classes. It has been a little bit of relief to not be so busy doing home school on top of everything else that we do for a little while. We have had to be creative to find places where the kids can play outside due to most places being closed. Michelle has been working with another lady and will be holding our first virtual Sunday school class for children. This has given us one more form of outreach for our ministry.

As we continue to move forward in these uncertain times, we know that we must trust the Lord every step of the way. Are you pray for us, please know that we are praying for you as well. This month, please pray:

1. That God continue to remove obstacles to ministry and outreach here in Costa Rica.
2. That God will bless our efforts to bring the Gospel to the community.
3. That God will continue to establish His church here in San Pablo, Costa Rica!

In Christ,

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