



Dear Friends and Family,

June 2020

We hope that each of you are doing well. We are still doing our best to keep pushing forward during the COVID epidemic. We cannot legally have church services, but we have been doing online services. Jeremy has been preaching through the book of Philippians and teaching through the baptist distinctives. He was recently invited to teach a group of pastors a series of lessons on soteriology. Although we are very limited during this time, we are working very hard to lay a strong foundation for future growth. Michelle has been working with another lady to begin monthly ladies meetings. The social distancing rules has severely limited our outreach during this time, but we have been able to use social media to reach out and build relationships within the community and increase exposure to our ministry. Among other things, Jeremy was able to run a social media campaign to freely distribute a book that explains the true Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

As for our family, we have been mostly confined to the house for nearly 3 months now apart from infrequent trips to the store. Jeremy has been able to visit some of those who attend with us to try to maintain those relationships in person. Michelle has been very busy homeschooling the kids both with what they need to do for their Costa Rican school, but also for their English and other US-based courses. Lila recently finished her 2nd grade US courses and Ellowyn finished her Kindergarten courses. Pretty much all public parks and play places are all closed, but we have tried to take the kids out on a family day each Friday to visit a national park or some other type of place where they can stretch their legs and get a little exercise. We hope that things will return to normal soon.

Unless there are further restrictions, churches should be able to begin holding small services on June 21st. The currently proposed rules are extremely strict and will reduce our seating capacity from around 30 to about 8-9 people. All outside options are closed and neighbors have even threatened to call police if children are seen playing near the parks. Even renting another location is equally difficult because we would need a very large and expensive location to hold even the smallest congregation. This month, please pray...

1. That God will open doors and remove obstacles to ministry here in Costa Rica.
2. That God will help us to continue reaching out and seeing souls saved.
3. That God will continue to strengthen and build His church here in Costa Rica.

In Christ,

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