



2020 Update Letter #2

... so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Many of you have contacted us during these last two months, to check on us and to tell us that you are praying for us. To each of you we say Thank You! As the world works through this pandemic situation, we personally are doing well after nine weeks of lockdown here in Antipolo City, Philippines.

Like millions of others, our plans were drastically changed because of this pandemic. We were supposed to be in the US for the month of May to attend the graduation of our son Andrew. We praise the Lord for bringing him through four years of college. Congratulations, Andrew! We wanted to be there with him but God had other plans. Now we continue to pray for God's wisdom and direction in his life, during this challenging time, and for his future.

We would like to share some of the many blessings God has shown us through this Pandemic and time of quarantine:

- ◆ We have been pushed out of our comfort zone, like so many others, and are seeing the Lord work as a result. Praise God for forcing us to preach the Word via live stream. This has allowed individuals around the world to hear the gospel, including the niece and nephews of Ivy, who live in London. Both of Ivy's sisters in London say that they are saved but they are not involved in a local church. Their children are not saved, as far as we know. So after watching our online services and hearing the gospel presentation, the children (high school and college age), all began asking many questions about salvation, opening up an opportunity to share and follow up with them. Please continue to pray for their understanding and salvation.
- ◆ It has been a privilege to help others by providing relief goods to some of our members, but also to the families' of our "bus" kids and our Academy students. The Lord has given some new prospects by building relationships and simply being nice.
- ◆ Two of our young people were also forced out of their comfort zone as they prepare and video children's lessons each week.
- ◆ Our young people have stayed in touch and involved through live youth fellowships and Bible studies on FB. One of our men has taken the lead on the youth fellowships and prepares the Bible lesson as well as games for the young people.
- ◆ Ladies and Men's Online Bible Studies have allowed some to participate that normally would not.
- ◆ On Messenger we have an MVBC men's group and Ladies group. With those groups we have been able to provide devotions and encouragement to our people. It has been a blessing to see others sharing what God is doing in their lives and how He is speaking to them during their devotion time. We praise the Lord that we have seen many of our men growing in their relationship with the Lord but also rejoice that they are learning to lead their families in Bible reading, devotions and prayer time. Others have shared testimony about the impact and blessing extra time with God has had in their lives. All things truly work together for good and for His glory! Praise the Lord for the working of the Holy Spirit in hearts.

It has been exciting to see God use this time in the hearts and lives of our people but we look forward to gathering back together, seeing the faces of visitors and being able to go soul winning. Praise the Lord, He has brought some to us and saved their souls.

Prayer Requests: Pray for **wisdom as we transition from being locked down to "general quarantine."** There are still restrictions on gatherings so please **pray for us to be able to meet together.** Please pray for **more enrollees for our academy** and the challenges of this school year. Pray for us **to still be able to continue our public school ministries.** Pray for our **children's church, Bible clubs and youth Basketball group to be able to meet and regather the children and young people.**

We want to say thank you, most importantly for your prayers, as we also pray for you. Thank you for your continued partnership, financially and prayerfully. Thank you to those who even gave some extra during this time.

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