



REACHING A LAND IN NEED.

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Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

I was able to go to a friend's house for Christmas after all! It may seem like such a small thing, but I felt very blessed to join up with another family's "bubble." Because there are still a lot of cases up here, the provincial government is being cautious, and we are currently living under pretty tight restrictions. But we are able to go for walks, and the non-essential stores are open again. I think this situation reminds us to be thankful for the little things in life!

I thought you might be interested in learning about online Sunday School. I try to film a couple of days ahead of time, just to give myself some room for any technical blips. I have been teaching through the books of the Bible, and we are getting ready to finish studying the minor prophets. For each book, I teach a key word, and since I firmly believe that teachers ought to do what they ask their students to do, I'm learning, too! The content of the minor prophets is very applicable to the situation we're living in today, and sometimes it amazes me to see how much I need the week's lesson! I try to use drawings, puppets, and stories to illustrate the lessons and make them interesting. One week, the Lord gave me the idea to have my hair messed up. I asked the children if they wanted me to keep my hair like that. Since I only have imaginary students with me when I film, they were very nice and asked me to fix my hair. Then I explained that we want to fix things when they're not right. And even more, God wants to fix our hearts when they're not right. It's been a challenge for me to come up with creative ways for teaching because most of the minor prophets have the same message - judgment is coming; get ready. But even though it may be a challenge to teach the same thing in different ways, it's a good message for all of us today.

Looking ahead, I'm starting to plan our Vacation Bible School. Since we are probably going to hold VBS online again this year, I am writing the curriculum and beginning to think about how we will film it. It may be a lot of work, but it's very rewarding to see the young people participate. I am hoping that we'll be able to get the children together for at least some activities, but, with the current state of things, I am

Requests:

- * Salvation of Sunday School children
- * Online teaching
- * Wisdom using time

Praises:

- * Calls and visits from friends
- * Projects to keep busy

planning an online alternative for everything. A missionary's motto, like that of the Coast Guard, is *Semper paratus* - by God's grace, always be prepared!

- For a People in Need,

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