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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is such a comfort to know that God is in control. James 4 talks about the man who makes detailed plans for his life while forgetting that he has no control over what will happen tomorrow. At any time, God can change those plans or even allow our lives to end. James isn't telling us not to plan, but instead he challenges us to consider God in all our plans and to be content when He alters those plans. He knows what is best for us and getting upset over changed plans reveals the pride and self-reliance in our hearts. Never has this teaching felt more real in all of our lives, and I trust I will never forget this teaching as we enter the new normal of life.

After several months of canceled meetings, many churches have started to meet again, and I have now begun to travel to churches. It has been a blessing to share the work again in person and to continue the schedule that we set up long ago. I have meetings set up through the middle of July, and it looks like most of those meetings will happen at this point. Our tickets for July have been canceled and our return to Africa is uncertain as we wait to see how international travel will reopen and what it will look like.

At this time, the effect of the virus has been minimal in both Uganda and Rwanda so the lockdowns are being slowly lifted inside both countries. Limited movement in vehicles, wearing masks, etc., have become a part of life and it appears will be for some time. Kabale, the town we live in, is in a border region and is still under lockdown. Uganda is keeping these regions closed in an attempt to keep the virus from spreading across borders. This means that if we were there, we still would not be able to drive our personal vehicle or cross over into Rwanda. The airport has also not been reopened and it is unclear when that will happen. Please pray for the leadership of both the countries of Uganda and Rwanda as they make difficult decisions as far as future travel into their countries.

Despite all the events of the world, the work is still progressing in Africa. Pastor Sadock has been recording messages to preach on the radio and those have continued to go out on a weekly basis. With more people confined to their homes, radio listenership has increased and thus the opportunity for many to hear the gospel. In the month of May, 36 people that we are aware of were saved through the radio program. This is happening with a very limited broadcast time of less than three hours per week. What a great blessing it would be to have our own radio station to broadcast 24 hours a day to the people of Rwanda. Please continue to pray that God will allow us to get a radio frequency from the government so we can have greater opportunities to preach the gospel. Building approval has also been given for the church in Kibungo and building started within the last week. At this point, churches are still unable to hold services so pray for our church leaders as they minister in spite of these restrictions.

We appreciate so much your faithful support of our family and the ministry. During this time when many have had financial hardships, God has met all of our needs and we are thankful. Several people gave money for physical needs of our national pastors and I was able to send money to help, buying food for those struggling during lockdown. At this point, all money that comes in through love offerings and special gifts is going directly to Pastor Sadock and the ministry in Rwanda.

In Christ,

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