

THE STAGNER FAMILY



“Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. (Joshua 3:4)

Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

Well praise the Lord for every moment He has afforded each and everyone of us, not only over the last two months, but for our entire lives.

When Israel was ready to pass over Jordan to the Promised Land, the Lord had given specific instructions to Joshua. He therefore, had passed a portion of it to the people, one of which was a primary point of attention, the Ark of the Covenant resting on the shoulders of the priests. When it moved they moved... when it stayed, they stayed... it was that simple. Why? Because, as Joshua said, *“for ye have not passed this way heretofore.”*. This was a new place and a new event, one in which they have not been through before.

In a very similar fashion we have found ourselves over the last six weeks, at least here in the United Kingdom. As I write this letter we are in the middle of the sixth week of lockdown, which for me went into effect 14 March. Needless to say, this is uncharted waters, but just because they are uncharted, does not mean they have to be stormy waters. As Israel was instructed to keep their eyes upon the Ark and move as it moved, we are to keep our eyes upon the Author and finisher of our faith, the Lord Jesus Christ. The same place my eyes are resting upon to guide my direction today is the same place they were resting on 12 March, the only difference is our surroundings. Change is enviable, the true test is how we adapt.

As March opened up, my second son Darius, moved back to the States to join the US Army as his eldest brother. He tested incredibly high on his score, as his brother and was essentially given any

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option for his contract. He chose to enlist in the infantry, as well as Airborne and Ranger. Originally scheduled to begin BCT/AIT on 10 April, obviously this was delayed with the current situation, but as we understand they were allowed to begin training on 27 April. We covet your prayers for both Darius and David as they make their career in protecting our freedoms.

Both March and April has been eventful times, very different, but busy and as I said, eventful. We are continuing with five services a week, all online as well as maintaining a daily update video message via FB to our members and a weekly video message to our youth. Even though we are unable at the present moment to meet together within the church building, we are seeing the preaching and teaching of the word of God reach more and more people throughout our village, valley and even country. We are praying for things to get back to “normal” as we miss the physical interaction with our people, but whilst this situation is part of our lives we are adapting and reaching people with the gospel. There has been several opportunities to help souls through different crises in their life (COVID-19 related and not), from mental meltdowns, emotional struggles, to even career changes effecting the family. No matter what or when in this life, there is always someone in need of help; I for one am thankful for God’s hand of guidance to do so.

Thank you all for your prayers and support, your diligence, dedication and integrity of supporting missions worldwide is a blessing without boundaries.

Till the Shout,



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