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Dear friends in Christ,

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It is absolutely amazing to see God at work in this time of affliction, restriction, and intense conflict. We have opportunities to reach people who are more open now than ever. Without leaving our home, we are very ministering to others.

One opportunity was to counsel a pastor and his wife by long, long distance over the internet. It was a joy to see how the Lord worked in their heart as we tenderly worked through some thorny problems. I love working and growing with humble people.

The chance to speak to all the youth who connected for a youth "rally" in another city was a special invitation. The topic was: Is Jesus your influencer? I poured my heart into the message just dreaming of what God could do through the lives of those young people in the future. It humbles us to have the ear of the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow.

We began ministering in a small church in a needy section of Lima. By "needy" we mean challenging with regards to crime, the virus, and poverty. Included in that is the spiritual, but what section in Lima or on the planet is not needy for the gospel. I now prepare the spiritual food for the congregation every Sunday morning. Many of our people do not have internet or computers. To not be able to congregare or be able to visit them or give a message for them to hear for three months is very taxing on the spiritual life of even the strongest of believers. But this is where we are.

We have a lot more good news to report. First, the offerings for the radio have slowly risen. The last two months people have responded in a marvelous way and our listeners have given sacrificially. Many people here have lost their jobs and businesses. Most still cannot open their business or find work if they lost it. So, for our offerings to be climbing at a time like this is an answer to prayer. They are not where they were before and are not quite covering costs, but we are pleased with the provision God has given us.

We gladly announce that we obtained permission to open our radio office. We won't have many come because of the quarantine. But we needed the secretaries to return to work to get our accounting caught up and maintain communication with listeners.

The church we started south of Lima on the radio plant property is thriving financially. The people have given sacrificially there. Their offerings are up from where they were before the virus! This is the only church I am aware of where their offerings have increased. Most are really hurting.

I have begun teaching a counseling course to a group of churches in Spain. I was scheduled to fly there in May for the course. That was cancelled, so we decided to do it by zoom. It is for 3 hours a day, every Friday and runs for five straight weeks. To date, we have finished two of the five days.

The situation changes the way we serve. But the Word is going out to so many other cities and countries. Of course, we could not be here and dedicate our lives and time to reaching others for Christ, discipling believers, and training leaders if it were not for you. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. May the Lord keep all of you safe.

For Christ's glory,
Stanley and Ruth Templeton