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Dear Friends in Christ,

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Life is short, uncertain, and very fragile. It is also precious. On this day that I write, one of our most faithful and cheerful members of our small church went to be with our Lord from Covid. This is painful for our family in Christ. A little over a year ago, Ruth and I began attending this tiny, struggling church to assist the pastor. About four months later, Covid hit, and we have not been able to meet as a church family since except by virtual services.

The virus is taking its toll on everyone. We have several pastors who have it and many in different congregations. Almost every day we hear of another believer or friend who has it. Many lives currently lie in the balance. It is hard for us when we lose a pastor because we have so few as it is. You face the same trials we do. God is knocking at our door to bring people to Him.

We are working toward getting on the air in the city of Yurimaguas. Our team had an accident with our box truck while passing through the mountains. The driver fell asleep at the wheel. It did some damage to the truck, but they were able to continue on. It is a great blessing that the Lord protected them from going over the edge of a precipice. If that would have happened, we would have lost three lives and one truck filled with supplies. Praise the Lord for His protection. He is merciful.

The Seminary in Trujillo began classes by zoom in March. They asked me to teach a course on the Christian home. Each week I teach one full hour on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

A sister church was having great internal conflict among their leaders. The pastor is a former student of mine and asked for help. I agreed to help them with the condition that they allow me to invite two other pastors to help in resolving the conflicts. These meetings have been fruitful, and great progress and spiritual growth has been the result of working through hard issues. Resolving conflict is exhausting work and the only one that can do it is the Holy Spirit. We all rejoice to see how the Lord is working in the lives of these church leaders (two pastors and three deacons). This is exactly what we wanted to do: to be a help for struggling churches.

I am also counseling a sixteen-year-old girl in Spain by zoom. A pastor friend from that country called to ask if I would be willing to help. Please pray the Lord will give victory. It would not be proper to mention her name. The counseling cases I get are not easy ones, but there is NOTHING bigger than God that He cannot solve.

We have plans for another radio conference. I am working on a book that we want to have ready along with the materials given during the conference. It is on a much-needed area in many lives. The topic is basically dating, relationships with the opposite sex, and finding a life mate.

Ruth will be leaving for the U.S. on April 15 to help in the care of her twin brother who has had three strokes. His name is Ray. You can pray for him and for Ruth as she travels to serve.

For Christ's glory,
Stanley and Ruth Templeton