

Areiza Ministry Summer 2020 – Newsletter

“Are we there yet?”

As parents spending long hours on the road, we have heard that question many times from the mouths of our children. Nowadays, we are dealing with COVID-19 as well as injustice, riots, and violence in many places. Furthermore, we are dealing with so many uncertainties about the economy, social interaction, safety, and many other things that make me think, “Oh, man, it is time to pose the same question to God, ‘**Are we there yet, Lord?**’”

By God’s grace we made it to June 2020. Now, we are being faced with some challenges, such as how to keep our arms away from hugging; how to go shopping; how we are to behave at the beach, on the streets ... it makes me feel like a small child on potty-training days. And, most importantly, at least for us, how do we move forward in this “post-COVID-19 season” in order to accomplish our call here in California.



As the hymn reads, “Count your blessings.” Through the Spanish-speaking church we attend in Sacramento, my dear pastor Tony agreed to allow me to use an office as long as needed. I no longer have to go to Starbucks for my office...now Fannyta is my personal barista!!! ☺ I have been already using it for counseling, Zoom video calls, reading the Word, praying, encouraging love and solidarity through our prayer group, thinking, writing, supporting chats online, and making phone calls. It is such a blessing to count on a place such as this...and guess what? Just two miles away from home!!

Last year, almost by this time, we were given a salvaged Honda 2003. It was an answer to our prayers. Sadly, now it has an oil leakage through the head gasket. I took it to the shop, and our friend said it would not be worth investing so much to fix it. Our car can get overheated rather quickly. Therefore, we just use it now for short errands ... if something goes wrong, I can walk back home or call Fannyta to rescue me. Please pray with us as we seek ways through which another transportation option comes our way. As we move closer to see churches, universities, colleges, and other organizations being open, I need to have a reliable car to visit them. Since 2016, when we came in from Colombia, God provided us with a good car. But, because of its capacity, it has become our family car and that is the one Fannyta drives; and of course, I do not want to leave her at home with two small kiddos and no wheels. Once again, thank you for praying. I have a crazy thought about visiting a car dealership and asking them to get in business with God and us ... I will let you know if I am daring enough to do so. I have been thinking of June as the month to try it... June is when



we celebrate our "Green Card anniversary." I do not have either the financial resources or the credit line to purchase another car. I only count on God's mercy and love.

We are really amazed by God's grace and His constant care upon us. And our prayers of gratitude are with you. You have been the ones God has put in our path to serve alongside us. Thank you very much! And we wonder how your lives, your health, your joy, your peace, your hope, and your economy have been affected by this COVID-19 season. We pray God will continue watching over us and providing His grace so we can see our lives and our hope being strengthened during such a time. Please, when possible, let us hear from you and how we can pray with/for you.

Pray for grace, wisdom, compassion, passion, and opportunities to share with others about Jesus and about One Mission Society. We desire to find ministry partners with whom we could join our efforts in reaching out to make Jesus' name and love be known and heard by many. Thank you for praying for good health. Lastly, pray for creative, healthy, and appealing ways through which we can reach out to the community, regardless their ethnicity. We all need Jesus!!!

Looking forward to hearing from you. May His blessings rest on you and your loved ones!

With much love, gratitude and hope,

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