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Dear Supporting Friends,

Interesting Times

In all the years we have been serving God on the field and in the States, we have never seen anything like this. It is incredible! It is unprecedented! My dad was born during the height of the Depression in 1932. My grandparents went through the Depression and WWII. My Grandpa Vern was born in 1904. In 1918, he was too young to go to fight in the first world war. During that year, America had a pandemic known as the Spanish Flu. Many sickened, and many died. Our nation went through a terrible time, not to mention the men who died on the devastating battlefields of France, but to cancel church and to go online? Something is going on! We are faced with interesting and difficult times. I have experienced some shock over all of this, I must admit. On the other hand, I am realising more fully that the world is facing something that could lead to an end-time scenario. What can we do? We must not give up. This is the hour that God has for our generation. We must follow Christ and serve Him!

Standing on the Gospel

Our family will stay on the field and take our stand in the days ahead. Thanks for praying for us, sending emails and messages, and sending support. You are amazing people that God has gathered to stand behind missionaries around the globe. Please remember: we are a majority with Him. We must stand and be counted! We must also provide the eternal answer of the Gospel. We are here for that purpose! Let us prepare and meet the task before us! We must adapt and move forward! I am studying the Bible like never before—learning, growing, and preparing messages. I have realised the importance of sharing on multimedia and plan to hold at least one online message weekly when we get back to meeting in church. So far, we have had 27 saved this year. We have started a live Sunday morning service, an evening Zoom prayer time, and a Zoom Bible study. Our Easter service had 455 views, and we have had over 200 views per message! I'm busy phoning, communicating with church members, and soul winning on the phone. This outbreak has been especially hard for the British people. Many are confused and are asking questions. When I think of this, I am reminded of what Mordecai said to Esther when he said, "... and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14) We came to the United Kingdom 24 years ago. God has helped us to integrate with these people we love, and now God is giving us an opportunity to be here for them during a difficult time when they are searching for answers. Thanks for making this opportunity available!

Health Difficulties

Two months ago, Mary Beth started to show symptoms of the Coronavirus, which resulted in many scary days and nights. A few weeks later, our son Jeremy started with the virus. Praise God! Both are okay, but they still have times when they feel very tired and ill. Pray with us that they can be completely healed with no lasting effects. Thankfully, I have not yet had any symptoms. Please do pray!

Also, I wanted you to know that our son Daniel and his wife Rachel are fine in Indiana. Joshua is finishing his junior year of Hyles-Anderson College online but staying in the dorms and with his new job. Jeremy still plans to attend Hyles-Anderson College in the fall, as the Lord permits. However, we have been so blessed to have Jeremy's help here during this time, caring for Mary Beth and helping with media projects. My mom Anne is still adjusting to the death of my father, as I am sure you would understand. My sister Karen has moved back to Arizona to be with Mom. We really appreciate her help, especially these last few months, as this gives us freedom to remain in place. Allow me to thank everyone for continuing your support during this difficult time. We realize it is truly sacrificial giving for many. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are doing so we can pray for you. We are so blessed by your love and friendship through the years. It was great to have a visit from Pastor Allen Johnson and family just before our

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quarantine; they left a suitcase full of U.S. goodies to get us through some dark days. God bless you!

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