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Dear Praying Friends and Family,

We have been hearing of the turmoil in the States over the Corona virus. We are praying for you as well. We have watched several of our supporting church's services on-line. A positive point of something not very positive is that God is encouraging us to find ways to send out HIS message using the technology at hand. Our little church in Cuiabá is also recording our Sunday School Lessons and Sunday Messages and posting them on WhatsApp and Facebook since we are not allowed to have group meetings. The Ladies Bible Study is a group chat in Messenger to encourage our church ladies in these uncertain times.

You may be wondering if the corona virus is a problem in our area. There have been cases in Brazil and the government has followed America in the closing of schools, malls, and non-essential businesses. There are limits on how many people can be in any one place, they are trying to enforce the 6 foot rule as well. Some businesses have started back up this week with limited hours. Our state of Mato Grosso (about the size of Texas and Kansas together) has fewer than 30 cases of Covid-19.

I am still working on the IBBL church building with a small number of helpers, mostly family or in-laws. I / we work until about lunchtime and are free to do other jobs in the afternoon. The other day I was working on a wall there and a lady showed up asking about our church. She saw the banner we had put on the outside wall towards the neighborhood when she was taking out her trash and came to see what kind of church it is. I explained briefly what a Berean Bible church is and said "but we aren't having meetings here due to the virus, but I can send you the messages on WhatsApp." She agreed and gave me their cell phone number. I sent the worship videos and the message from the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Then I get a message back "OK – Who is this?" It was her husband's cell phone, so I explained to him who I am, and that his wife had just been by and asked me to send the messages. He replies "Wow, Thanks"! They recently moved to this neighborhood and their old church is too far to walk to, so they plan to come when we start having services there again. (This banner has already paid for itself!)



Our daughter in law Simone had to return to Brazil in early March as her visitor's visa was ending. She is in the process for a spouse (permanent) visa. Her next step is an interview in Rio de Janeiro, BUT, they were missing ONE paper, so she is back at the bottom of the interview list! ☹ Worse yet, the embassy is ONLY doing "emergency American Citizen Services", not visa applications – so who knows how long it will be before her interview is scheduled. Please pray that God will speed up this process. She and the three kids are here in Brazil and Lee is in Portland, Oregon. He couldn't take off work to come with them. Pray for wisdom if Simone and kids should try to return to Oregon (on her visitor visa), or just wait it out here for an indefinite period.

Zoe is home schooling 5 of our 6 grandkids each morning. It's great having them all here, but I can see why God gives children to young couples – I can't keep up to them! Some of the special things we wanted to do together got canceled because of the Corona virus, but we have done a bunch of things at home with "all the cousins."

Early this year, BEFORE Covid-19, we purchased our tickets to PA for April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Monday after Easter, arriving in PA on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We were then to leave the 15<sup>th</sup> for a trip to Portland Oregon to visit our sons and Crystal Peek Ranch, a similar ranch ministry. The Oregon part of the trip has already been canceled but as of last notice our flights to the USA are still on. Our trip has been rerouted through Houston, Texas; but we will still end up in Pittsburgh.

We are still planning to travel to PA on April 13<sup>th</sup>. We know that it may change, but we are not worried because we serve a Sovereign Supervisor. We WILL do what HE decides!

Thanks for your Prayers!

Serving HIM Together,

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