



Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

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I know fall is coming, and kids have started back to school; so I hope everyone had a great summer. Summer here was very different for our island. Our island averages 13 million tourists every year, and a very large percentage of those come in the summer. Many businesses, in the more touristy areas, only open three or four months a year. However, this summer has been much quieter due to the virus, and with tourism being our main source of income, many of the people here are hurting. In fact, our homeless population has more than doubled.

It is hard to see so many people struggling and hurting, but God has also used this in our church over the last month. The last week of July, I preached about the supper where all the lord's friends made excuses, and he told them to go to the highways and hedges to fill his house. That same week, I announced that we would be starting a new summer ministry called "Filling His House". We started taking fruit, water, and tracts to different homeless communities. After a few weeks, we had a Romanian couple visit our church, and the very same week we had a different couple pray and accept Christ as their Savior! Just yesterday, we were able to give the plan of salvation to three men for about thirty minutes. They were not quite ready to accept it yet, but I believe God was really working on one of them.

I would like to ask you to pray for Carlos to be able to get a job. Carlos and Rounnellys are refugees from Venezuela. They have been living with us since the beginning of the year. They help a lot in the church and have really helped our boys with their Spanish, and she is giving guitar lessons to Nick, our oldest. They have recently received some of their paperwork, but not all of it, and not a work permit. However, the police told him he could try to get a job with the papers he had. The virus, quarantine, and all that goes with it have really made it difficult to find a job. They have been a huge blessing, but I believe both families are ready to have their own home. I know this is more of a personal request than a spiritual request, but I also know and am thankful that God both cares about and answers those as well!

Thank you for your prayers and support,  
Markie Bullock