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SHEPHERD'S CALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Praying Friends,

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I hope everyone is doing well during these hard times of battling the Coronavirus and regulations against churches meeting. We cannot express enough how grateful we are for your care over us in continued prayer and financial support. We appreciate the many letters of encouragement that have been sent our way.

In March, we took a trip to New Mexico so that we could meet the people of Mountain View Baptist Church in Las Cruces (Charity's sister and brother in law's church). At that time, the impact of the Coronavirus in the U.S. was really starting to hit hard. In Las Cruces, I was able to preach a more normal service on Wednesday but ended up preaching in an empty church on Facebook for Sunday. Still, we enjoyed so much meeting who we could and were amazed at the huge blessing they were to us.

During this visit, I received a call from the Community Services District in Phelan letting me know that we would not be able to use the center until May. At that time, I implemented Zoom video conferencing for our services. This has worked out well for most of those that are able to join. There are some who just do not use the internet or computer or even a DVD player. In those cases, it is hard to get preaching to them. We are now in May and are still unsure when we will be able to meet in the community center again. We are considering the option of setting up a tent to meet at one of our member's house across the street from the Community Center. This past week we had some people at our house while we also were live on Zoom.

The social distancing standards along with mask wearing has made it very difficult to have a normal routine of evangelism but we have still had opportunities to speak with many people. I hope and pray that this situation will lead many to a saving knowledge of Christ. I know that God can and will use every circumstance. We had a neighbor tell us they are interested in joining our services once we open again; a man named Shadrach who Charity met at Walmart also expressed his interest in coming. Please pray God brings us to those especially who are searching for Him!

During discipleship on Zoom a couple weeks ago, we were able to talk with Cheri again to confirm she indeed knew she was saved. She has prayed for salvation many times before but since coming to our church she has received assurance of her salvation and expressed her desire to be Scripturally baptized and join our church membership. We are rejoicing in this one soul.

This past Sunday, we had our first Sunday School hour. We are starting off with lessons on "Unshakable Faith" which will focus on apologetics. Certainly, the circumstances have messed up some of our plans, but we trust that God is in control and that His plans are better.

Noah and Valiana Faith shared their birthday May 1st as Noah turned three and Vali turned one! We have been so blessed to have them. Please continue to pray for God to open hearts in this area. Pray for the many Christians around here that are neglecting church. Pray specifically for Veronica as she is still having difficulty being involved with church due to her unsaved husband. Thank you so much for your prayers. James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Because of Calvary,
Stephen, Charity, Judson(5), Samuel(4), Noah(3) and Valiana(1) Jenney