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SHEPHERD'S CALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Praying Friends,

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Since our last letter, life has been a rollercoaster as we navigate these strange times. The weighty matters we mentioned before, unfortunately, made a turn for the worse not long after we sent the letter. We believe we did the best we could to offer help to a dear lady with an alcohol addiction. It seemed she was excited for our help, but she has since rejected it as she quickly stopped trying and began lying to us. We believe she has developed a grudge and has been using COVID as one of the excuses not to come around. Unfortunately, her boyfriend who was saved and baptized at our church is not responding to my calls and texts either. This is a heartbreaking situation as we had become very close and were very hopeful for victory in their life. Still, we hope that God will get ahold of their hearts and that we will be able to minister to them again. Please pray because God is greater!

Please be in prayer for another family that has not been coming due to COVID but has also not been involved in any services online for some time. We do not believe COVID is the main issue and much prayer is needed for this complicated situation. Similarly, another dear one has been struggling with anxiety when she comes to church largely because her husband gives her a very difficult time over church attendance. Since she had a scary anxiety attack at our church, she fears having another.

We were planning an outreach at our local grocery store for Halloween and had purchased quite a bit of candy and tracts but Charity came in contact the virus so we had to cancel and quarantine. Thankfully, we found out about the exposure Sunday morning before we went to church. We both ended up getting sick with pretty much every COVID symptom on the list. We are so thankful that it barely affected our children if at all and that God brought us through it! Fun fact, our dog Beulah gave birth to nine German Shepherd puppies while we were sick making our quarantine even more eventful!

After we quarantined even more than recommended to be on the safe side, we attended an outdoor service with Desert Streams Baptist Church in Adelanto for a celebration of Veteran's Day and we decided to combine services with them through New Year's when we plan to get back to meeting in our house since the community center is still closed. It has been a blessing to see our people excited about serving no matter where they are. God has blessed us with two young people who help with much of the music. Hannah is making tremendous progress on the piano and Elijah does so very well and has been a blessing through special music. These two are some of the hardest workers I know. It has been nice for our church to meet with Desert Streams while we are still waiting to get our meeting place back as they have been just like family to us. God has blessed us with many friends from churches in the neighboring towns and we are so grateful for the encouraging fellowship of the saints.

We are thankful for the Supreme court backing up the constitutional right for churches to meet and hope to see that continue. While we take the virus seriously and are in no way looking for an excuse to defy the government, the government should never have the say in whether churches meet no matter what the circumstance. We see more and more how much we need each other. The family of God is such a gift and a treasure. We are so grateful for everything you all do to faithfully love, support and pray for us. We are wishing you all a Merry Christmas. "May the Lord Find Us Faithful".

Because of Calvary,

Stephen, Charity, Judson(6), Samuel(4), Noah(3) and Valiana(1) Jenney