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I want to start by saying that here on the field we hear of how bad things have gotten in the US with this virus, but there is a lot of misinformation as well. I really don't know what to believe and what not to believe. All I can say is we are praying for all of you because we know in some way or another this has affected us all. Four of our church members are out of work, and we have tried to keep checking in on them. I cannot check in on all of our supporters, but we are praying for those of you that might be in a similar situation. Also, a thank you to all of you who have checked in on us.

I have been reading a lot on how other missionaries are doing at this time and realize we have had it pretty good in comparison to other places. I cannot speak for all missionaries in Mexico, of course though. Up until Monday the 20th, we have been free to visit most of our church members and even had our church doors open on Sundays. We had a limit on how many people could come, so we had families take turns coming and had the service streaming live for the majority that stayed at home. Part of the reason for the liberty was that the numbers of infected in Mexico is still very low, and we, personally, are far from the larger populations. We are just now passing 10,000 "confirmed cases" (whatever that really means) in the entire country.

As of the 20th, they announced that the quarantine is mandatory, and there will be citations on those who disobey. Hannah, being pregnant, will especially not be allowed to move around. I know some of you have been facing this kind of stuff for a while now, and I guess it is our turn to do the same as they announced that we are about to go into the worst part of this pandemic. We have a good supply of basic foods, and should be alright for a while. We bought enough to share with those of the church without income.

Our church youth were disappointed that the church camp we go to was canceled, but the administrators of the camp had it online. They impressed me with their creativity to keep everyone involved. On top of activities, they had four sermons a day, and I was able to take part in some of the preaching. It definitely was different, but it was also edifying.

It has been a blessing to hear some of our supporting pastors preach online. My dad and I were talking over phone about

how God is not stuck just because we seem to be. If this had happened twenty years ago, we would have had no fast way to keep up the preaching, but thanks to technological advances, the option is not only out there but "free" for all. So while we are stuck at home, in a way more of the Word is going out then at any time previously. Indeed the "Word of God is not bound" (2Ti.2:9).

I have kept up with some of my "in"-home studies through Facebook. And though I have had to stop preaching in the rehab, flee market, and blueberry farm, I trust God is going to continue to use the planted seed to see more saved by God's grace. I gladly share that two of the workers at the blueberry farm made professions of faith. Jimy, whom I have mentioned before, works there and continues to share his faith with them, and he shared this news just a week or two ago.

In fun news, we did manage to get an ultrasound before things were shutting down, and it seems we have another Girl! Selicia Leseli is her name, the first meaning salt, and the second meaning light. May she live out her name for God's glory!

For now, we are at home and well supplied. We've been doing home projects, spending more time with the kids, studying extra, and cleaning. We still apreciate your prayers for us as we push onward closer and closer to our King's return.

Waiting on the Lord,

Rolando, Hannah, Azelia, Viana, Amadeo, and Selicia

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God's Word is not bound
Two professions of faith
Our baby girl
Health

PRAYER

REQUESTS:

More Souls
Ways to serve God
Wisdom
People without jobs
Julio's family
Corona Virus