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Be Still

During this time of Covid-19, I have been searching and asking God why? Most of you know missionaries all over the world have been paused. Many of them have come up with creative ways to minister to their people. Local churches also have figured out ways to minister creatively. My church has allowed us to drive up to the church, park, and listen through our radios. While Christians all over the world wait for things to get back to “normal,” what are we doing to get the Gospel out to people? I can think of some good things that have come out of this pandemic. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28) Families are spending quality time together. Children are using their imaginations. People are being kind and helping others. Christians are spending quiet time with the Lord, because they finally have the time. Churches have gone virtual and have reached so many people with the Gospel. I am thankful that He has caused us to be still.

God is teaching me to be still during this time. I know that when I arrive on the field next year this will be an important lesson. Even though I am a nurse, my company’s patient volume has been very low. I, being only part-time, was laid off first, and then, soon after, most of my full-time co-workers were laid off. I am a person who likes to stay busy. I am usually always either working or traveling on deputation. Suddenly, I have no job and nowhere to go. During this time, I not only have been able to read books that I have been trying to read for months, but I had the time to write little notes of encouragement to people. I was able to catch up with some of my friends in the Philippines and encourage them. I have been able to spend quality time with my middle brother, Joe, and family while helping them finish up their remodel. I have had time to have a more precious quiet time with my Savior. “Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.” (Psalm 25:5) The Lord has been nothing but faithful during this time. I am so thankful that the Lord has cause me to be still.

I have a few prayer requests:

- Please pray for the Philippines. I have kept in touch with my friends there. They have been under a very strict lockdown. The President has even threatened those who were not abiding by the rules of the lockdown to be shot. They must have a travel pass to go anywhere. Many people that live in poverty are not scared of dying from the virus but from starvation.
- Please pray for me. I have started calling pastors again. I had six meeting that were canceled due to the pandemic. Several pastors have rescheduled already. I am looking forward to rescheduling and scheduling more meetings. May 6th marked a year since my five-week survey trip to the Philippines. I yearn to be there serving alongside the Ocampo’s and Heavenly Bible Baptist Church.
- Please pray that God will provide the churches and/or individual supporters that I need to return to the Philippines by early 2021. I know the Lord can still make this goal happen even with this pause.

In closing, I want to take a moment and thank all my supporters that have been so faithful during these hard months. Thank you to all the people who have given sacrificially and anonymously. Your love gifts and prayers have helped more than you will ever know.

“Looking for that blessed hope...” Titus 2:13

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