

July - August 2020

Dear Praying Brethren,

We hope and pray that this letter finds you and yours doing well in the Lord. These past two months have been felt a little like a rollercoaster. On one hand, the Lord has answered prayers and opened doors, and, on the other hand, the world, the flesh, and the devil have not slacked in their efforts to take all the glory from the Lord.

Several months ago, we had asked prayer for my grandmother, **Zoé**, as she came down with the coronavirus. Many of you prayed and, by the grace of God, she had made a complete recovery. However, on Tuesday, August 11th, she went home to be with the Lord. Her passing, as far as we know, was not a direct result of the virus but happened suddenly after she fully recovered from it. Seeing as she knew Christ as her Savior, we take comfort in 1 Thess. 4:13-18, knowing that we do not sorrow as others that have no hope. Thank you for all your prayers for her and, we ask that you now pray for comfort for the family and that the Lord would get the glory out of our response to His hand.

Concerning the blessings that the Lord has given us, His protection on our health seems most apparent. Both my parents and my wife came down with the virus and, by the grace of God, have recovered. Thankfully, we were still in Pensacola and had a stable place for Anna to get well. Considering my father's health issues, we truly have the Lord to thank that he is now back on his feet. Another prayer request we had was for our son's hernia surgery. All went well and, although the surgeon found, once he had made the incision, that the hernia was not where originally anticipated, he was still able to repair it successfully. While we are grateful for the surgeon's skill, we know that all the glory goes to the Great Physician for His grace and mercy. Justus has not only recovered quickly but is growing and developing more and more each day. We appreciate all your prayers and concern for the health of ourselves and our family.

The Lord also allowed us to participate in our home church's youth camp. While there, I had the chance to present our calling to the teens and to preach and testify of how the Lord worked in my life. Looking back, it has been over ten years since, as these young people, I went to youth camp, listened to the same preaching, and had the same plans and aspirations for my life. It was also at one of these camps that the Lord spoke to my wayward heart and called me to preach and, is was at a camp where He began to work in my heart about going to Spain. To sit and watch these young people be fed the word of God by my pastor and the other preachers present and see them, like myself, make decisions that will change the course of their lives was a humbling experience and a great encouragement. Please pray for these teens as they have such a fight ahead of them if they are to serve the Lord in this present evil word.

Our deputation trail is still moving slowly for now and, for the past two months, we have had only a few meetings. These were all in Texas and, we were grateful to have an open door to meet with some new churches. Two of these churches have promised to support us and, we have been greatly helped and encouraged by their generosity. Our schedule picks up toward the end of this year and, we are praying that the Lord would allow the doors to these churches to remain open despite the current circumstances. Your faithful prayers and support are such a help and encouragement to us, and we are so incredibly grateful for your willingness to hold the ropes. Thank you and, may the Lord bless you in your work for Him.

Sincerely in His Service,

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