



# PIZZOS TO SPAIN

March – April 2020

Dear Praying Brethren,

We hope that this update finds you and yours doing well in the Lord. Many of you have asked us about our deputation and the effects that the coronavirus has had on it. The short answer is that we have had several meetings canceled and getting these rescheduled and new ones on the books have been difficult. We are certainly not the only ones dealing with the various interruptions and cancellations that have been brought on by the closures and stay at home orders, but we have felt their effects. We had already planned a break in our schedule during March to allow Anna to recover after giving birth and to give us some rest after welcoming the new baby. As a result, when things began to shut down, we were stationed in Pensacola, FL with our home church. Considering that many others on deputation have not had this luxury, we have fared better than most. This “time off” has obviously been extended and, although it may be frustrating for me to “sit still”, I believe it has been better for our family to have the additional time in one place. We are working to redeem some of this time, and amongst other projects, we are investing additional time and effort into our language studies.

Along with the changes to our deputation schedule, we have also seen a more personal consequence of this virus. My maternal grandmother, currently living in New York City, was diagnosed with COVID-19 during the latter part of April. By the grace of God, she is on the road to recovery, but we ask that you would pray for her continued healing.

On the family front, our son, Justus, is doing well and growing quickly. As for our daughter, Catalina, she is now four years old! Although we had not planned on being in town during this time, current circumstances did allow the grandparents to be present for her birthday. More importantly, Catalina has been asking a lot of questions about salvation and the Gospel. While I am not sure that she understands the personal application, she does understand that Jesus died on the cross to save people from Hell and she has shown some genuine concern about not being saved. We believe that she is close to accepting Christ as her Savior. Please pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in leading her to Himself.

Spain is among the countries that have reported the worse numbers of infections and deaths from the coronavirus. Accordingly, Spain also has had some of the strictest quarantining orders in the world. What effects this will have on our getting to the field is currently unknown but, it will probably be some time before Spain is ready to have receive and process visa applications. Please pray that the Lord will guide us in this matter and please pray for the brethren in Spain. The decisions and challenges they are facing there are certainly greater than those faced here in the States.

We want you folks to know that we are extremely grateful for all the extra gifts and messages that you have sent our way. It is humbling to be so spoiled. Many of you have made us feel like we are part of your family and, we have been greatly encouraged by your thoughtfulness! We hope and pray that the Lord will get the glory in each of your individual lives during this situation. Thank you for your prayers and support and, God bless!

Sincerely in His Service,

Justin, Anna, Catalina, & Justus Pizzo

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