



Dear ministry partners,

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." In **Psalms 46**, the Psalmist reminds us that "we will not fear..." despite cataclysmic calamities. In these days of global pandemic, certainly some may feel that "the earth gives way... mountains move into the heart of the sea, ...nations rage and kingdoms totter." Rather, let us focus on Almighty God who is with us. What does this look like? In the words of God Himself, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" To view a ["virtual Bible study"](#) I gave for our church last night from this Psalm following the Pathways Bible study method, [CLICK HERE](#). The truths in Psalm 46 fill us with comfort, hope, and peace in troubled times.

Turbulent Times – God is Exalted!

- For many, **life has radically changed** from what it was a month ago. However, be encouraged because we are witnessing many ways locally and globally God is being glorified and His church is growing!
- For a **one-minute video** of gratitude to our ministry partners [CLICK HERE](#):
- **I'm grounded** – ReachGlobal has wisely required that several global trips I had planned for March-May be postponed. However, I'm staying closely connected with our global partners, offering coaching, encouragement and prayer in addition to staying very busy with other ministry duties.



Preaching at an evening service in Lusaka, Zambia

- While training pastors in Zambia a month ago, a **plumbing leak** in our home exposed large amounts of **toxic mold** (not a good situation for a wife and daughter who are hyper-sensitive to everything!) However, perhaps we can see God's hand in it all since I was able to have some excellent conversations with a young man who helped us, and at the end of our project he prayed to **place his faith in Christ** as His Lord and Savior. We're happy to deal with water leaks and mold for that kind of outcome! [CLICK HERE](#) for the full story.



A friend helps me build a containment area against mold in our home

- God wants us to make the most of every opportunity, so I'm turning my attention to making **good strides forward on my dissertation**, analyzing and processing through the many interviews I've conducted with graduates of Pathways from all over the globe. This is a blessing since with my heavy training schedule I was not going to be able to work on my dissertation till summer. Please pray I'll make good progress during these "shelter in place" days.
- Please join me during this **very unusual Easter week** in praying that the Gospel will be proclaimed in unprecedented ways, and many will enter God's kingdom.
- Please also join me in praying for our global brothers and sisters who are experiencing **harsher conditions** than we are, with minimal access to food and other vital resources. Yet the Gospel is not bound, praise God!
- In these days, we are blessed to be together as a family, a part of our local church, cared for by EFCA/ReachGlobal, and in partnership with YOU!
- We recognize these are days of uncertainty and financial hardship for many, yet you are **faithfully continuing to support us**. We do not take this lightly, and are **profoundly grateful!** Although we are trying to raise support levels for Holly's salary to cover her and Alyssa's food costs (which I shared in the last letter), if you are feeling financial pressure, please don't worry about beginning giving until the present crisis diminishes. We understand and are trusting the Lord.



Increased communication – we are here for you!

Holly and I would love to **connect with you** virtually through a video or audio platform of your choice (via texts, skype, zoom, facetime, phone call, etc.), to offer encouragement, hope and prayer. Truly we are spending extra time praying for you. You encourage us regularly, but how can we encourage you? Some of you have already shared with us, and we've greatly enjoyed drawing near to you. Please know you are loved and prayed for. We are in this together. Let us know via email or text when you prefer to connect and the platform of your choice, and we'll plan on it!

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A blessed Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday to you!

With much love,

Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew and Alyssa

