



Missionaries To

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CORONA VIRUS UPDATE FROM THE HALEYS IN BOTSWANA
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Dearest Family, Friends, and Faithful Supporters,

Well – we have toilet paper! We have watched from afar as the world has gone Corona Virus crazy. If ever we have witnessed any kind of a preview as to what kind of a spirit people will exhibit right after the rapture of the church, it's now – only then it will be 1000 times greater. I'm glad that in the midst of global chaos, with many acting out of fear and uncertainty, government over-reach, and a whole lot that does not seem to make sense, we can rest in the Lord and have complete confidence that this is yet another indicator of how close we are to the imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Even so, come Lord Jesus, come!

We are faring well here in Botswana, AFRICA. As of this writing we do not have any confirmed cases of the virus being reported and until today it was life and business as usual. Today we received a directive from the government that limits public assemblies to 100 persons and Botswana is refusing entry to anyone coming in from a severely affected country – including the US. We just arrived home last Friday from a family vacation in Cape Town, South Africa and are so thankful that we arrived home before the borders were closed and the drastic measures were taken. We had a wonderful vacation with lots of R&R, traveled with no problems, felt safe, and were very impressed with the way the airports and airlines were handling things. We just had a GREAT service on Sunday morning with five first time adult visitors and our Faith Bible

Institute classes in the afternoon.

I want all of you back home to know that we are praying for your families, your church (especially your Pastors), our nation and President as we navigate uncharted waters. Personally, while I would never minimize the value of precautions and the steps taken to ensure safety – we do feel that the whole matter has been way overblown and that the media is driving the cart through fear and that the government, purposely or not, is using it to extend its control over people – especially churches. I feel a special burden for all of our supporting church Pastors and ministry friends right now as I know that many of you are having to make some “hard calls” trying to balance safety, compliance, and what is pleasing to the Lord. I don't envy your position and I'm praying that God will give you wisdom and discernment, peace, confidence and courage, and great sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and the needs of your congregation. And of course – I'm praying for your offerings – especially your MISSIONS offerings! – Ha ha! Just a little transparency there to keep it real.

But on a serious note – please pray for us as the Lord brings us to mind. There's a natural inclination to pull in and scale back in times like these. We want to exercise wisdom and prudence but I also want to be moved by faith and not fear so we'll press on as God gives grace and opens the doors of opportunity before us. Nothing has changed – multiplied thousands perish into eternal Hell each day and now more than ever – the world needs Jesus and the life changing power of God. We can see obstacles in our way or seize the opportunities that come our way!

The AFRICAN countries have fared surprisingly well – much better than most of the world – so far. We're very thankful for that and are praying that it continues to be the case. There are some good practical reasons for that (which I'll write about in a short and separate article to be sent out tomorrow) in addition to the fact that it is the evident grace of God to spare this part of the world. Remember that Botswana ranks third in the world in HIV positive people and immunities are not strong in the average person. An outbreak here could be devastating but thus far – we've been spared.

We love you all and appreciate your faithfulness to us and the work here. Thank you Mikado BC family for praying for us as your missionaries of the week. Your calls and emails mean so much. We have exciting news to share with you in our next prayer letter here in a couple of weeks.

Together in the harvest,
Mike, Cindy, and Emily

