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Dear Praying Friends:

Thank you for reaching out to me, and checking up on us here in Cebu. We are well health-wise, and have learned a lot about technology in a short amount of time. We were actually in Manila for a conference when we received an unofficial word from a very connected national pastor to, "To get out of Manila as soon as you can. The President will announce a city lock-down within 48 hours." We literally got out just in time, and when we landed in Cebu, the President declared Manila on total lock-down. I am so grateful we missed all of the chaos! God is good.

The past month or so has seen us spending plenty of time in the house. I will not complain about this, but rather share some blessings from a missionary perspective:

- We have seen attendance for church, though via livestream, nearly double.
- There is now a heightened interest in the gospel message, and end-times discussion among unbelievers here.
- We were forced to learn new technology and are better prepared going forward.
- Since all youth camps were canceled for the foreseeable future, we decided to start at Online Baptist Youth Conference, and we are now projecting nearly 3,000 young people to join.
- We have gained new prospects through giving of groceries, and reaching out to neighbors and such. Some have already accepted Christ, and some were in tears when brought them groceries.
- An "early church mentality" has developed here, that even the poorer members are giving freely to help others in need.
- I have seen key people in church step up in ways that only the Holy Spirit could do through them; and it is awesome!
- There is a renewed focus on what really is most important in our lives.

Those are only a few of things that God has done during quarantine here. I ask you to pray for our upcoming Online Baptist Youth Conference, and also for our property payment which is almost due. We are still short over \$10,000, but God has used already many people to meet the need so far, and we know that He will be faithful all the way to the end.

During one of our staff devotionals, Brother Emmanuel said, "A crisis is not time for us to develop our character, it is a time when our character gets revealed." Let's show who Christ is during this quarantine time.

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