

GEORGE & DEBBIE COLLINS

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Dear Praying Friends:

It is late May in Michigan and our COVID-19 lockdown order has been extended to June 12. Our family (and extended family) is healthy and we are not aware of anyone in our circles who have been infected by the corona virus. When testing for antibodies becomes available, we're anxious to see whether years of taking weekly malaria medicine in Asia has given us any immunity! Until then, we shelter in place and work with our partnerships via Zoom conference calls, FaceTime, Signal/Whatsapp/Viber, emails, and phone calls. Please check out [liveglobal.org](http://liveglobal.org) to see what is happening throughout our world. In our spare time, we have cleaned, sorted, decluttered and organized every area of our home, taken advantage of online seminars, read many books, and worked on crafts and cooking skills. Our favorite aspects of the quarantine has been unplugging from a hectic pace of life, savoring good coffee, and listening to many sermons each week. Just recently, we were able to spend time outdoors with our Michigan grandkids and we've been doing the same with Deb's folks. It is difficult to plan for the future as we do not know what it holds for church meetings, gatherings, domestic/international travel, and new protocols that might be in place. Thailand has just started opening up parks and outdoor restaurants which our missionary son and his family have been grateful for. They, like everyone else, are conducting their Bible studies and discipleship via Zoom. Our 2 year old grandson, Life (a fourth generation MK), recently provided us with this Aaronic blessing. Hope you are blessed by it.

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**Sharing the Good News:** Each of our national partners have adapted to the worldwide shutdown as best they can. Many are able to preach over the internet and conduct Bible studies and classes using Zoom. Preaching over the radio has been extremely effective in places like Nepal. At a few remote locations in Asia, churches have set up loudspeaker systems so that preaching can be heard for a mile in each direction. After the pandemic passes, we've heard reports that online programs will continue to grow as they are reaching groups that cannot or would not go into a church.

**Bringing the lost to our doorstep:** The governments in two locations (a Bible college in northern Myanmar and a camp in Manipur, India) have asked our partners to take in stranded foreigners to wait out the lockdowns. In Myanmar, they are hosting 19 individuals while in India they have taken in 100. Please pray for fruit as the gospel is shared.

**In another kind of lockdown:** Please pray for W in Monrovia who has a prison ministry. On May 12, W and his team were given a permit (accompanied by a government officer) to travel to the Gbarnga Central Prison where they delivered food stuffs and hand washing buckets for prisoners to use. Travel from one county to another due to Covid-19 is extremely difficult and that was the reason for the permit and escort.

**Taking church to the refugees:** In Bosnia, the P's are conducting mobile church where they drive to locations where Iranian Christian refugees are staying as well as conducting mini-church services in the homes of believers where gatherings of 10-12 are permitted. Their Seniors ministry is closed for the time being but the government is going to carefully allow the resumption of their work with special needs children. There has been a resurgence of refugee families (many with small kids) through Tuzla and the church is working hard to minister to them while staying compliant. These refugees have nowhere to sleep but on the streets and the church has sought to provide a safe place for the elderly and mothers with young kids.

**Orphanages and After-care homes:** In Haiti, Pastor P is facing a volatile situation with government instability, lawless gangs, food shortages, and being cut off from the rest of the world. He and his team are providing food and safety for 300 orphans but are finding it unsafe to even withdraw money from an ATM. Haiti is predicting many casualties to the virus. In the midst of all of this, Pastor P was able to establish Radio Father's House ([www.rfhhaiti.org](http://www.rfhhaiti.org)) to bring souls to Christ. In West Bengal, the Premanand boy's home (sons of brothel workers) was ordered to be shut down and for the boys to ride out the quarantine with their mothers in the red light district. Along with the hardships of India's shutdown, West Bengal was hit with a tremendous cyclone that did great damage to the boy's home. Pray that repairs will be able to be made in order to have a safe haven to bring these boys back to.

**Faithful supporters:** Thank you. We know that everything belongs to the Lord and comes from his hand so it is a special blessing to see believers give back to God what He has given them. We, along with each of our partners, want to see God glorified. Revelation 7:9 says "I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count from every nation, tribe, people and language." John is writing about the sheer number of people that Christ has redeemed. Isaiah 53:11 speaks about how, on the last day, Christ will see the fruit that came from all His suffering and he will be satisfied...not disappointed...satisfied. This brings great glory to Christ! Thank you for your part!

Final thoughts: You would be so encouraged to see believers sharing all of their resources to help those without food, shelter, or hope. RK in the Himalaya Mountains was threatened with death for preaching the gospel while passing out food to a starving village..yet he continues on and God has answered prayer and changed the heart of his threatener. The church has come together in an amazing way to show the love of Christ through prayer, giving, and encouraging. The YouTube video shows a short update from our Moldovan partner. You'll be encouraged!

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