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Friends, family, and Pastors,

What an encouraging time the month of March has surprisingly been for us!

I've never seen Philippians 4:19 become so real in my life at one time! Let me tell you how stinkin' awesome God is!

A couple days ago, we received un-asked-for financial gifts from 5 different sources in one day, including a couple from the church we're staying at who stopped by our missions house, a group that reached out to us on Facebook, a supporting church in Goodyear, AZ (Pastor Gray, you and your church have been so incredibly generous!!), and an anonymous giver who placed \$681 on our BIMl account (if that giver is reading this, thank you so much!!).

On top of that, there have been a few churches that have taken us on for support in the last few days despite what is going on, including a southern California church whose pastor was out of town when we came, and a church in the Miami area that I preached to via livestream because of the virus.

To be honest, January and February were slow and discouraging months for us. At the beginning of March, before things even started getting crazy with the virus, the Lord spoke to me about the fact that my deputation belongs to Him, and He helped me to place deputation into His hands. When the potential discouragements of the Coronavirus came, I was already spiritually prepared for them.

We are now staying at a missions house in Homosassa, Florida. It is the first time in our marriage that we have had an actual house to call "home" for a while. This lockdown has been a great opportunity for me to sit still somewhere and focus on a few things:

- My walk with God (which is the strongest it's been on deputation)
- My fitness (working off that deputation 10)
- Some specific Bible studies (in preparation for teaching in a Bible college when I get to Nigeria)
- Our marriage

By the grace of God, we currently have no need for any extra financial assistance, and we are now at 43% support!! We are super excited to soon reach the 50 mark!

We can't thank you guys enough for your prayers, giving, and encouragement. Every church we've been to is on my prayer list, and I pray for you every week.

Thank you again, and God bless!!

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