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Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

As we all continue to try to stay safe from COVID-19 I am reminded of what the psalmist said in Psalms 91:2, "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." Isn't it awesome that we serve a God who is not surprised or taken back by the events that are unfolding before our very eyes. Also, He has promised to keep us...how truly magnificent is His love for us! I thank each of you for your continued faithfulness to our Father and us as your missionaries through your continued prayers and financial support. Please continue to pray for our military, first-responders, and medical staff as they are confronted with the true severity of this virus on a daily basis.



As the repercussions of COVID-19 continue to reverberate across the world many of God's servants are stranded. Many more are dealing with obstacles that have never been imagined. We are in the same boat. We are currently doing our church services via a platform called Zoom. It has been such a blessing to conference in with our church members and hold our weekly services. We have even utilized the platform to hold weekly Bible studies. What a blessing it is to live in an age that, regardless of lockdown or location, we are still able to meet with and minister to our church family. Please pray for our church members as we traverse this new frontier, pray for their safety and faithfulness to our Father.



We have been amazed by the outpouring of love and care shown by the community here. We are blessed to have been able to receive support from the local community via public food drives being carried out here. It is also good to see our military family participating and helping the local community through these efforts. Please continue to pray that people will stay safe and healthy through this epidemic.



According to the Japanese embassy, we are not allowed to fly to Japan due to a travel embargo on people traveling there from the United States. The gentleman I spoke to said this would be in effect until at least the end of June and possibly later. Also, the military passenger terminal at Seattle/Tacoma airport stated that category 6 personnel (military retirees, i.e. my family and I) will not be allowed to fly military flights until the beginning of July at the soonest. However, all the permanent change of station moves that have been on hold are beginning to be released and personnel are now being able to move. This puts an additional strain on military flights and the probability of a category 6 getting on one of these flights is virtually non-existent. Due to this, we have been forced to purchase commercial tickets that are valid as soon as Japan lifts their travel embargo. This has placed an unforeseen financial burden (\$2300) on our family. Please pray with us that these funds will be provided for. If you feel led to assist with these tickets, please send your love offering to BIMi marked "Special Offering" and they will deposit it in our account (#1553).



Finally, we are traveling back to Texas prior to flying to Okinawa. We will fly out of Dallas to Okinawa when the travel embargo is lifted by Japan. While we wait, I am going to be seen by

a Neurosurgeon so he can determine the next course of action with my back. I have a laundry list of problems from multiple cysts to bone spurs and bulging disks. There is a high probability that they will do surgery to correct all the issues. Please pray this can be accomplished before we fly back to Okinawa. God bless you as you stay faithful to Him in the place He has planted you.

Because of Calvary,
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