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Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

I pray this letter finds each of you safe from COVID-19. It has been a crazy last couple months and we are all in the same boat. 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.

We have some exciting news...we had our first two babies born to members of NSBC since our last update. The first, Olivia Nater, was born on February 9, 2020. Both mom and daughter are doing well. The second, Pierre Holland, was born on March 7, 2020. Both mom and son are doing well. This is the second child for the Nater's and the first for the Holland's. Please pray for both of these families as they endeavor to raise their respective children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord just as Paul stated in Ephesians 6 verse 4.

After attending Drake's Navy boot camp graduation, we traveled back to Arlington Texas. While there, I was able to see the doctors at the Veterans Hospital. They performed multiple blood tests and also took extensive x-rays and MRI's of my back. We have not been able to meet with the doctor since these tests were accomplished due to the closure of the North Texas VA healthcare system to all patients without a prior scheduled appointment. I was able to get some new medications and am looking forward to getting back to a point of normal in my health.

During the past couple months our family had the wonderful privilege of providing a ministry update to 7 supporting churches in Washington, New Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana. It was an honor to be able to stand before these faithful congregations and proclaim the amazing things that God has been doing in Okinawa. We received a warm welcome at each church and were more than amazed at their generosity and love for our family and the ministry in Okinawa. Unfortunately, due to the current world situation we were not able to update any more churches.

As you are all very well aware, there are many changes that have transpired around the world the past couple months. What started out as a 4-6 week visit has turned into a visit lasting more than 3 months. We have had multiple hurdles to overcome due to the separation from our home in Okinawa. We are so very grateful for missionaries (Dan Gardner Sr.) in Okinawa assisting us with everything from preaching and watching over our home to depositing money in our Japanese bank account so our bills can be paid. This extended trip has placed burdens and strains on both our family and the ministry in Okinawa. We are beginning internet services so our people will have some fellowship and preaching while they are quarantined in Okinawa. Please continue to pray for our family, the ministry, and the U.S. Military as we all continue to navigate the virus that has personally affected each and every one of us.

We are still trying to get a military flight out of SEATAC back to Okinawa. However, the latest

report is saying there will be no flights until early/mid May. Please pray for our safe return to Okinawa and that this virus will pass more quickly than predicted.

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