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Dear Prayer and Ministry Partners,

We write this update trusting that you are all doing well and that you are in good health physically and spiritually. In the front of every mind is the Covid 19 Pandemic and we here in Trinidad are not exempted. As of today, we have 116 positive cases and 8 deaths.

We were placed on very stringent lock down measures and were only allowed to go out to get food items and medical supplies. Some banks remained open but only 5 people were allowed in any business place publicly at a time. Some of these measures are being lifted gradually over the next six weeks if everything goes as hoped for.

Our family is doing well and are all together at this time. Our eldest, Justin, sensed the Lord leading him back home in November and so he finished up his Fall Semester 2019, at Cedarville University, and headed back to Trinidad in January 2020. We are so thankful for the Lord's leading and Justin's sensitivity and obedience to this. It has been a blessing having the whole family together again even under these conditions.

Globally, the church has been challenged to explore creative ways to stay connected and to encourage each other.



We have online services produced from our home, thanks to our entire family helping with this.



Having Justin home for such a time as this has been a huge blessing to the church. We also have online Small Groups and Ronnie even started online teaching of his Tuesday night Bible Doctrine Class - Foundations for Life.



Our appointed elders and deacons are doing a good job shepherding our people through virtual Small Groups and via social media.

As a church we are making every effort to be a blessing to our members who have lost income as well as challenging our members who may not have been affected this way to be a blessing to those around them.



We just completed a food drive providing food hampers for 100 families both inside the church body and outside. We also provided gift vouchers to assist needy families in purchasing prescription and over the counter drugs. This was through a partnership with a pharmacy in the town.

We know this will be a difficult time for everyone. Since the lockdown 2 months ago, offerings and tithes have dropped significantly. This month we are personally anticipating the loss of approximately 20%

of our personal financial support. One of our very faithful ministry partners who stood with us for the last 10 years informed us recently that he could not continue doing so due to his job situation. But God remains faithful and we will trust Him.

Our prayer is that we will all continue to trust the Lord during this very challenging season and that we will see Him provide for us as He has promised. We are encouraged by Philippians 4:11-13 which says, *“¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

Please remember our kids as they all face their own challenges as well during this time.



Justin has been home for over 4 months now. All Summer Classes have been cancelled at Cedarville University and he is not allowed to return to the US before the start of the Fall Semester. This means his F1 visa will expire and he will now need to re-apply both to the US Embassy and to the University. This new development has set him back financially as well, as he was not able to return to work during the Summer. He had previously secured a Summer job as a Youth and Worship Intern at a church in the area. However, his next step is very uncertain so please pray for him.

Joseph has also had some challenges as he finished High School in May of 2019 and was getting ready to head off to a Flight School in Florida in September 2020. However, all this has been put on hold and he is now in a holding pattern (forgive the pun) awaiting instructions. Pray for his growth in faith and character and for his next step.

Charissa is presently doing school online and this is a challenge for her as the typical teenager. She is doing well but missing the school environment with her friends. This school closure has meant a loss of an entire term of work. They are now revising last term's work and hoping to put two terms into one this

coming September. Pray for her as she navigates through this.

We (Ronnie and Meela) continue to manage things at the church and at home doing our best to ensure that our people are growing spiritually and that their physical needs are taken care of. Parenting has been enjoyable having everyone at home but challenging as it takes more out of us, especially Meela, to manage the running of our home.

We will continue to trust the Lord for his guidance and sustenance. We know God is faithful. We are waiting and praying for the Lord to bring this whole Pandemic to pass. We know the world has changed and will continue to change even more in these last days. We wait to see how the Lord will direct His church here in Trinidad and globally.

Praises -

1. Justin completed his 2 ½ years at Cedarville University. OH. He is now home to assist us in the church.
2. Joseph and Charissa are doing well and they continue to serve the Lord with us in the ministry.
3. Thriving Small Groups assist in the care for the believers at HCC.
4. The message of the Gospel reaches more people through online ministry.
5. Growth and maturity of the believers @ HCC during this time of Covid 19.

Prayer Requests:

- Our financial needs.
- A visa for Justin as his F1 visa has expired being away from the US for more than 5 months due to Covid 19.
- Protection, guidance, and provision for Justin to return to college as God leads
- Wisdom and provision for Joseph as he wants to pursue his passion in Aviation.
- For Charissa as she navigates through Online school and preparation for the reopening of school in September.

If the Lord leads you to give financially, please visit:

www.tentmakersbiblemission.org and see options for giving to the work here. All checks or other forms of giving must be designated to the "Trinidad Project."

Thanks for your prayers, support and love for us. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and may He give you peace.

Ronnie, Meela, Justin, Joseph and Charissa