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Greetings from Orlando, in my place, where I have been for the past two months!

How are you in this Covid world pandemic? This has been a very different existence, something we all could not have predicted even a few months ago, and with it is a whole different way of doing life.

I just came in from a two mile walk which I try to do every morning, and the Lord greeted me with a beautiful sunrise, reminding me how His mercies are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness! This is my time to be outside and praise God for the new day, and keep my mind and heart focused on Him and the hope and peace we can still have during this world pandemic. I am praying for that for you, too. The rest of my day is inside, where my roommates and I try to be responsible against the CoVid virus and take staying at home seriously.

In some ways, I have time to establish new rhythms. To contemplate knowing how to “Be still and know that I am God.” To listen to my heart and bring it honestly before God, and to listen to Him. I have gone through periods of loneliness, and “touch” withdrawal, having had very little human contact with others in the past two months. And there is a deep longing to be with family and others again. But in a different way, there is opportunity for a different kind of connection.



Easter, without the grand celebration of believers together, was still a time to celebrate the pinnacle of our faith -- Christ arose! I was with my son, Jon, and we watched church on line (and binge watched The Chosen series) and enjoyed the blessing of being together, a rare treat. We got to share the Easter Story zooming with Kristen and Eric and kids in Thailand, and with Jenny and Kevin in California!



I must admit, I do miss my family a lot, but in knowing this, my family from many time zones around the world committed to zoom together each Friday night! We can catch up with each other, play a game or watch a show. On Mothers' Day, we got to share and celebrate together, and that brought so much joy to my heart. My grandkids sang a special song for me and my kids surprised me with a special gift of summer plans to visit me if travel is allowed.

During the Equipping conference last January, many ideas were shared, and people were excited to see God work. Praise God that even among the specific people I had been praying for and been in contact with, groups were started in different countries. I know a couples group in the Philippines, a facilitator's training in Indonesia, an evangelistic group in another country where the Gospel has been difficult to share were able to still meet via zoom!. Some groups needed to be postponed for awhile. But in it all, we see God's hand continuing to move in many unexpected ways.

This has also been a time to reconnect with SO many others, many of whom I have not been in contact with for a long time! I zoom with The Significant Woman groups that I used to meet with in person, with prayer partner friends that I have known since junior high, with my mom's clan living in different cities, with good friends and former teammates in the Philippines, with church groups, community groups, prayer groups, with other friends and disciples. What'sApp, email, facebook, messages, call, zoom, meet -- in this World Pandemic where we are all isolated, we are still able to connect with each other, pray for each other, and trust the Lord to reach out to others with the Good News of our Savior, our Eternal Hope! What a blessing!

In the meantime, our staff team continues to meet, pray and plan each week via zoom! Our scheduled trips to resource the areas nationally and internationally were cancelled, and efforts were put in developing and providing online resources and keeping in contact with our global leaders! I continue to pray for the world from my own room, even if it is days, weeks at a time before we could go out. But foremost in our minds is that God is in control, and He is going to use this situation for His purposes!



Our New staff team picture!

Please pray:

- **For God's protection, provision and peace during this world pandemic**
- **For wisdom in reaching out during this time in the ministry**
- **For many people to be hungry to know God and His purposes for their lives**
- **For my health (no doctor visit because of CoVid)**

Thank YOU for your part in my life and ministry. You are part of all that is happening, even during CoVid. And thank you for your love and prayers for me, that encourages me during this isolation. I am praying for your safety and for God's peace in your heart. Please let me know how else I can be praying for you, too.

Love and prayers,

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