



Lola: My testimony takes place from the book of Isaiah 41:10 to encourage my fellow brethren in the church during this time of the pandemic. God is faithful and we should know that we are not alone. No matter what the situation is, we should know that God is with us. ***“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you with my victorious right hand.”*** Isaiah 41:10



Christian: I am out of a job since the hotel closed. At first it was difficult and unusual, but now I am okay. Every day I am studying the scripture and coming closer to the Lord. This is the verse I am working daily with:

I Peter 5:6-9 ***“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”***

When I am not studying or praying then I am walking into town or in God’s creation or doing gardening. So I am fine during COVID-19.



Katie: We are having a blessed time during lockdown. We love having daddy working from home. He is busy with work but we see him for break and lunch adding to the specialness of our day. We have spent these weeks maximising the possibilities and not dwelling on the restrictions. A lifting of 2km to 5km for exercise was most certainly a breather. Like everyone we are missing family and friends and are thankful for social media and video calls. For me, as a mom running a home, the verse I find most encouraging and directive is **Matthew 6:34** ***‘Do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow has enough worries of its own, sufficient for today are it’s own troubles’.*** I apply this as ‘Do not be anxious, instead accomplish the tasks for today’. I often find there’s little time for anxious thoughts when we focus on the tasks needing to get done. Be blessed! Christ is with us and in that we are never alone. Much Love, *Katie, Shane and Daisy.*



The Fastness and Meditation of Lockdown

To some, the idea of reduced contact with the outside world for the short term might be appealing. To most, a crushing restriction of lifestyle.

While under a COVID-19 induced lockdown, I discovered a plethora of grey-area between these two mindsets: Littered with introspection, compulsive online shopping, and most importantly, a deeper appreciation and understanding of love and connection.

During the early days, a restlessness overtook me. Like a gazelle denied its water source, my mind wandered through a desert. Small sprouts of spring water that previously I would have overlooked, enticed my perception. Isolation from loved ones created a stirring within me. Through fasting of interaction, I grew more sensitive to those small but meaningful daily interactions that are abundant yet often overlooked.

A simple 'hi, no you're grand' to a stranger in close proximity at Aldi.

A richly shared laugh with a bank attendant, teary eyed in pure joy, after absent mindedly leaving part of my mortgage application in the reception area.

Eye contact with a pretty passer-by; my own sheepish smile, reflected in her face, and then a greater smile as a joy welled inside me.

After two months, I saw my family again. Never have I experienced being so emotionally present, so appreciative of each individual moment. The feast has just begun... *Colin Holden*

Verse of the Month

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)



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I Know Who Holds the Future

I do not know what lies ahead, The way I cannot see, Yet one stands near to be my guide, He'll show the way to me.

I know who holds the future and He'll guide me with His hand; With God things don't just happen everything by Him is planned. So as I face tomorrow with its problems large and small, I'll trust the God of miracles, Give to Him my all!

A.B Smith and E.. Clarke

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

People News During COVID-19

Augustina, Ferdinand and Family

My family's experience during COVID-19 quarantine: This new virus called COVID-19 has killed a lot of people in 2020. When this virus appeared the government put everywhere in lockdown. It has been hard in quarantine to stay inside all day. We are not used to staying inside all day. It is scary to go shopping as we have to watch everything we touch and who we meet and talk to, but we know as children of God we are protected, as He said in Psalm 91. It has taught us that this world is all in God's hand, but if we keep praying He will protect us. Me and my family have been praying every night since

lockdown. We have been keeping all the people that have contacted the virus all over the world in our prayers, and ourselves for God's protection. If we are scared of Coronavirus as children of God, we are suppose to obey God and stay out of sin and keep His command, because all power belongs to God.

As for the things we like about quarantine: there is nothing good about quarantine! Things we dislike: children having to study at home. Missing church, missing praise and worship. Missing the pastors and elders preaching. Missing Sunday school. We pray that this Coronavirus will go away and never come back.

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord for

- † That His love will never let us go, as He holds on to us
- † The daily strength He gives
- † That God is Mighty and able to do far above what we ask, think or imagine

This month, please pray for

- † God's comfort for Clara on the loss of her brother

- † Increased faith to trust God
- † Those who have lost loved ones during this pandemic
- Please continue to pray for**
- † God's healing on this land and people
- † God's hand on the elders as they seek to teach and encourage the church
- † The Romanian family that the church support



More People News.....

Deepest Sympathy to Clara on the loss of her brother in Nigeria on 11 May. Please keep Clara and all her family in your prayers at this time of loss and sorrow.



LOGOS HOPE

was suppose to be visiting Ireland during May and June. But like everything during this pandemic, this too has been cancelled until a later date.



The Now Familiar Face of Church!

As church buildings up and down the country are empty for now, we are thankful that our fellowship with God and each other has not been broken. God still speaks in these days!



It's amazing how we adjust and accept the new way, for now, of "meeting together" around God's word Sundays and Tuesdays. Thank God we can stay connected and that we have God's Holy Word! **"Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years."** Charles Spurgeon

"No faith is so precious as that which lives and triumphs through adversity. Tested faith brings experience. You would never have believed your own weakness had you not needed to pass through trials. And you would never have known God's strength had His strength not been needed to carry you through." Charles Spurgeon

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