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Dear Family and Praying Friends,

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Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."

We have no doubt that the Lord is in charge and He is watching over us in this day in age where people are in fear of the COVID-19. The world is reacting in the fear of this pandemic. God tells us in II Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." As a child of God, we can rest assured in God's promises that He has given us His power, His love, and a sound mind. In the midst of confusion of the news media, we truly have to trust in God's promises in order to sustain us.

That said, President Duterte declared that as of March 15 all flights and ships as well as land transportation, are in lock down in Manila for 30 days. If there are no new cases reported, then the lockdown will be stopped. Here in Dipolog we began last night at midnight, due to the announcement of our Mayor, that there would be no public transportation in or out of Dipolog until the end of the month of April. We have had a report of one person who died in the hospital of COVID-19. There are three others, at present, that have the symptoms of the virus, but have not been confirmed. The doctors in the church have advised us that we should wear masks as a self-quarantine precautionary measure. Dipolog right now has no masks, alcohol, or sanitizer. But prior to the lockdown, our daily regiment was using alcohol, so we had stocks already. Also prior to the lockdown, we had our name on a waiting list at one of the pharmacies and was able to get a supply of masks. At this time, we are still having church every service and trusting the Lord as He has promised in Psalm 91:1, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." We are under His protection and trust Him for the outcome of this situation.

As a result of the travel bans, End of the Year Music Recital, Bible conference, graduation, VBS, and possibly even youth camp are cancelled. All of the students at Westside Baptist College of Ministry left on Friday, March 13 and headed for their respective provinces only to be greeted by officials and told that they were under quarantine for 14 days. They did arrive safely and for that we praise the Lord.

Back in January we had the privilege to attend the mission conference of Salug Valley Baptist Church in Molave and meet many Filipino pastors coming from all over who are continuing to spread the gospel in hard to reach places. Many of them are reaching Moslems for Christ in areas in which we are forbidden to go. Salug Valley Baptist Church has purchased land and has already begun clearing it in preparation for the new church building. That is a big blessing as we move forward to win souls for Christ and build churches here on Mindanao.

Please continue to pray for us as we labor here for the Lord, also if you would pray for a new convert, Kyle Hosen. Pray that he will grow in the Lord. Thank you for all your prayer and financial support. We don't take it lightly the trust you have in us representing you on the mission field. We are grateful.

Yours for Souls in the Philippines,

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