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"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Eccl. 3:1

Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Ministry Friends,

As we come to our last prayer letter of the year, I'm sure you would probably agree that 2020 took an unexpected course that few of us anticipated. The Covid pandemic has affected all our lives to various degrees.

If you have read our letters over the years you will know that we have always strived to see souls saved and lives changed which in turn resulted in new churches being started. This year, however, we have not had the usual liberties to carry out the ministry in the same way, which has resulted in less outward results. We still have the same desire and vision, but our outward growth has been limited, but we are endeavoring to be faithful as best we know how.

As the verse at the top of this page says, there is a time to every purpose under heaven. What is God's purpose with the pandemic? I have my ideas, but we trust the scripture that He has one. The Apostle Paul knew the importance of discerning the seasons and following God accordingly. Paul once boldly declared: *"I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."* (Acts 21:13), but on another occasion he was hidden inside a basket and lowered over the wall of Damascus to escape from those who wanted to kill him (Acts 9:20-25).

Covid has claimed the lives of 2,262+ souls just in Juarez since March. We have gone in and out of several levels of restrictions since then as well. Non-essential travel has been restricted on the international bridges and will probably not be lifted any time soon. We have yet to have our graduation scheduled for last April. In person services have been extremely limited and completely shut down for weeks at a time. Our Bible Seminary has been shuttered for now. Our regular outreach ministries have been restricted and we've had to adapt to new tactics and strategies. Technology in Mexico is advancing but is still behind the times and not everyone has access to the internet for online services, etc.

I know many of you have faced similar if not worse restrictions where you are. Even if we can't advance as we'd like during this time, if you and I remain obedient to the Lord we will enjoy His blessing and favor in our lives. Remember God's promise in Galatians 6:9 *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* Come what may in the future, let me encourage you to stay faithful! ***Even so... Come Lord Jesus!***

Christmas Jacket Give-Away – This year's event is not a 1-day event as in the past, but I believe our adaptation will be even more beneficial to the local churches. Instead of a mass event, this year each faithful church family is finding a few people in their neighborhood who have need. Then the pastor and the family are making a personal visit to the home to give away the jacket and if possible, to try to win them to the Lord, but at least give them the gospel message in tracts and scripture portions.

With the personal contact by a neighbor and knowing the address of each prospect it will help in follow-up. It also allows us to submit to the authorities and give a good testimony before the unsaved rather than be perceived as rebelling against them. Please pray for lasting fruit. Thank you to all those who participated by collecting jackets. I hope to have pictures for our next prayer letter. Please consider participating next year.

Prayer Requests – Pray for those reached through the Jacket program! Pray that God would give us souls! Pray that we remain faithful to God and his Word! **May God Bless You!**

Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing!

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