

Family Update

Our family has been affected, like all of you, by the coronavirus situation. Sabrina returned home from Chicago for Spring Break and is now finishing out the semester online (although at some point we still have to pack up her room at Moody.) Alyssa and Olivia are also completing all of their classwork online. Alyssa's college graduation ceremony from Criswell College will most likely be postponed, and Jennifer's accompanying jobs have been cancelled for the rest of the school year. However, we are enjoying the blessing of increased family time at home and a much more relaxed pace of life. And we are already seeing God answer specific prayers! We are so thankful that we serve a sovereign God who knew about this crisis beforehand, knows when it will end, and will walk with us through it!

Ministry Update

HOPE Coffee is facing the same challenges as many other businesses in the world in the current crisis. With a large percentage of our customers being churches who drink HOPE Coffee, and with many of them moving their services online, we are selling much less coffee than we did in the past. And so, we are encouraging individuals to purchase coffee to drink at home. Please pray with us as our leadership team assesses the next steps. This season in our world culture has given us renewed purpose to share the hope of Jesus with those around us and with those with whom we partner. God is at work and lives are being touched!

In Honduras, Pastor Carlos has encouraged three churches (Pastors Felipe, Federico and Oscar) to partner together to build a home for a family whose stick and mud house was destroyed in a rainstorm. Esteban, the father, helps to harvest coffee in his region and faithfully began bringing back pieces of wood that he found to help rebuild their family home. In mid-February, when these churches learned of Esteban and Dora's need for a home, they pooled their resources together in order to provide 1/3 of the cost to build a traditional brick home. While HOPE Coffee is providing the other 2/3 of the cost, the real transforming work is being done by God through these local churches as they win the trust of the family over a long period of time. One of the reasons that these houses are not built in a couple of days is that taking the long slow road allows for relationships to develop, trust to be established, recognition that no ulterior motive is behind the actions, and the gospel to be more fully explained and understood. The work has begun, the bricks are being made and plans to lay the foundation are in the works while everyone waits for the outcome of the coronavirus crisis. Pray for Esteban, Dora and their children to trust in Jesus during this process; and pray for the three churches that God would strengthen their testimony in their community.



Honduras - Esteban and Family



Mexico - Nasaria and Family

In Mexico, Epifanio and Nasaria had no bathroom for their family. Pastor Pedro and three people from his church visited them to ask if they could build them a small bathroom. They were astonished that these strangers, who called themselves Christians, would offer such help. This was truly counter-cultural for both the family and the church members of Cristo Viene in Hidalgo, Mexico. As the work took place from mid-February to mid-March, friendships and trust developed. The bathroom was completed on March 6. On March 14, Nasaria asked for a Bible to read and wanted to visit the church on March 22. Her words in a video to the church were "I'm very thankful upon receiving this support. We did not have a bathroom but now we have one." Pray for both Epifanio and Nasaria to trust in Jesus soon.

HOPE Coffee would not have the impact that it has without our whole team. Our national ministry leaders Carlos Ramos in Honduras and Abelardo Aguilar in Mexico are vital for our impact to continue. We have typically paid their wages from the profits of HOPE Coffee. With the sudden change to the income stream for HOPE Coffee, I'd encourage you to consider donating to Create Hope for the national ministry leaders account. This will help to sustain

them during this season of change. Please also pray for them as they are affected by the coronavirus restrictions. While Mexico and Honduras are not (as of yet) as affected as the United States is, they have much less access to quality medical care (especially in Honduras). Also, many of the people, especially in outlying villages, live on a very slim margin. When forced to stay at home and not work, they are unable to purchase food for their families.

Our transition from Avant to Create Hope will be complete on May 31, 2020. Create Hope received the IRS determination letter on March 23, 2020, classifying it as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3). You can now make tax-deductible donations to Create Hope by either check, credit card or bank draft. Checks can be mailed to Create Hope, Suite 2102, 129 N. Collins Rd., Sunnyvale, TX 75182 with either 1001 in the memo line for The Masters or 9002 for the national ministry leaders. To give by bank draft or credit card, please go to <https://www.createhope.us/give> where you can make a one-time donation or a monthly recurring donation.

In our next prayer letter, we will be sharing about the water filters that are being distributed in Mexico. We love you guys, and we know that your prayers for us and for the ministry are what sustain both HOPE Coffee and our family.

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