



# Hands At Work

## The Impact of Covid-19

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I want to begin this newsletter by offering my personal thanks and the thanks of our Board of Directors and staff for your generous donations to His Healing Hands while our whole world has been gripped by the Covid-19 pandemic.

While we were able to send a medical team to Ethiopia in February of this year, every planned ministry since then has been postponed due to the virus. In every case of postponement, it was because the countries we were planning to serve prohibited international flights from arriving in their country. It was not because those who had volunteered to staff the medical teams decided not to go.

Our last remaining international ministry planned for this year is to India in November. As of this writing it is not possible to travel to India because of their requirement that international arrival passengers quarantine for 14 days. It is highly likely this trip will also have to be postponed.

But because of your continued support for this ministry we have not had to put the lives of any of our small staff in financial peril by placing them on furlough!

Instead, we have temporarily pivoted our ministry focus to look for ways we can continue to minister to the churches with whom we have partnered with our medical clinic ministries.

When talking to Pastor Daniel Cabria in the Philippines, he told me the situation there was much more difficult than here in the United States. Not necessarily because there were more cases of the virus there, but because of their government's response to it. The people there were forced to shelter in their homes. If they were found outside, they were detained and fined. None of them were allowed to go to work. These poor families were having great difficulty providing food and other necessities for their families. Meanwhile the government did not provide any meaningful financial help for them. His Healing Hands made this need known to people like you and the response was fantastic. We were able to wire funds to Pastor Cabria which he used to provide food packages to church members and also to many other families in his church's neighborhood. Pastor Daniel recently sent me an email that included letters written by people who were helped. In the following pages you can read some of those letters. Just this week Pastor Daniel sent another email saying the situation is now much improved as people are beginning to return to their jobs.

We had 2 different ministries planned for Mexico this year. Both had to be postponed. Pastor Jorge Moncada in Maneadero, Mexico described a situation there that was remarkably similar to the one in the Philippines. The people were not allowed to work, and the government did not provide any kind of assistance. Maneadero is very much an agricultural community, with most of the people working long hours for very little pay in the fields. We were also able to send funds to Pastor Jorge and his church. They have been planning a "Pantry Ministry" to provide food and cleaning and sanitation supplies to these families. They were to launch the ministry in the first weeks of July but were forced to postpone after 18 of their church members contracted Covid-19.

Many of those 18 sickened by the virus were to be on the ministry team distributing the "Panttries". You can read Pastor Jorge's letter in the following pages.

Perhaps our ministry partner who has been hardest hit by Covid-19 is Pastor David Gomez and his church in Tarapoto, Peru. Many people in his church got the virus and 20 of them died as a result.

### HIS HEALING HANDS

*"Touching the World for Christ"*

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*H* ealth Care

*E* vangelism

*A* biding Relationships

*L* eadership Development

### MISSION TRIPS

2020

Ethiopia	Completed
Philippines	Postponed
Mexico	Postponed
Peru	Postponed
India	Nov 12-22

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It has been an especially difficult year for Pastor David because in addition to losing 20 of his church members to the Corona Virus, his own mother passed away earlier this year as well, although not because of the virus. Please read Pastor David's account of the situation in Tarapoto in the pages that follow.

We were recently given hope here in California that the situation was improving when our governor began to reopen businesses in our county. Restaurants and other venues were allowed to reopen, and outdoor events were again allowed to go forward. Because of that we scheduled our annual Celebration Dinner to be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at an outdoor venue. Then after just a short time there was a resurgence of cases of the disease and those venues were again closed. Now we are likely not going to be able to have our event until sometime in 2021.

We remain committed to serving the Lord and our ministry partners here at His Healing Hands. Since we cannot go to the Philippines, Mexico or Peru right now, we still want to help them in whatever way we can. We have already been able to provide some help to the Philippines and Mexico, although they will probably need more. We have yet to provide help to Pastor David in Tarapoto, Peru and very much feel called to do so.

Since we cannot do our Celebration Dinner where we would normally be able to raise several thousands of dollars to buy medicine, glasses and medical supplies, we are instead doing the appeal for donations to help our brothers and sisters in Christ through this newsletter as well as online and through our Social Media accounts.

We are praying that we will be able to raise \$10,000 or more which can be placed into our Covid-19 fund that will go to provide whatever assistance is needed to our ministry partners in the Philippines, Mexico, Peru and India.

Please read the correspondence from our pastor friends and then consider making a generous donation to encourage them and give them the ability to provide tangible help to their members and to the families in their neighborhoods.

May the Lord bless you and protect you,

Carl Dawson

## The Philippines

Apr 21, 2020

Hello Carl,

We are overwhelmed by the help you sent us my friend our members almost in tears when I announced about your help. When I received the fund, we immediately bought the goods like rice, noodles, sardines, sugar, coffee, soy sauce and vinegar, we make a 100 packs the cost of each pack is about ph500 (\$10) and we distributed it to their areas because they cannot travel or come to our church we deliver the food pack to the community.

It is very hard this situation that we need to secure permit pass from the authority every time we go out and because of continuous growth of infected people, again they are informing us that there would be a possible another extension of lockdown. I don't know what will happen but still praying to God for help.

In time like this, what we can do is to pray, pray, and pray.

Thank you, Carl, for the help you are God's provision for us

In His Service,

Pastor Daniel



April 7 Friday  
Week 14

Marangin, marangin salamat po (thank you so much). The relief goods you send us, did not only help us to survive our needs but it well strengthen our faith. Thanks for having a brothers and sisters in Christ like you. To God be the glory, keep on serving, and keep on going on.

In Christ love  
Bro. Baboy Bitara

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Dear: Sir/Madam

I would like to thank you for the relief goods that you give to us. It is a great help for my family that under of Enhanced Community Quarantine, wherein we cannot get an income because our work was suspended for a couple of months. Thank you to God that you been using by him to help us in this situation. Thank you to all sister and brotherhood in Christ that involve in giving such relief goods. Thank you to the Pastor who organized this group which the main concerned is to help people in this kind of situation. We should always pray in God to die this Covid-19 virus. I'm praying for your health, protection and in always God use you to shared the goodness of God.

Again, Thank you very much, may the Lord bless you always

Sincerely yours,  
Arjay B. Parina





# Mexico

My Dear Brother Carl,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. As a family we are well thank God. We don't have face-to-face services in church yet, just online. God has been good and his mercy is great. We have won 12 people for Christ through online services.

As for the ministry of pantry deliveries we have had delays in the fulfillment of the ministry since we have had 18 people of the church who have fallen ill from Covid 19. Thank God they have had only slight symptoms, none of serious. Currently 7 are going through the problem and the others by grace of God have been healed. 7 of the collaborators for evangelism and pantry ministry became sick or had symptoms and had to be quarantined. We regret the delay for ministry, but we wait in God from the first of August to begin with evangelism and pantry deliveries.

I had a meeting with the leaders and some pastors who will be supporting us in this ministry and I also invited our superintendent and he was very pleased with the project. We have decided to buy the 200 pantries and I send you photos of it.

One of the most important points not to start is because the government wants us to only give the pantries and not talk to the people to avoid contagion, however my answer was that the purpose of supporting them with a pantry and at the same time talking to them about the Word of the Lord would not be fulfilled. It would be easy for me to invite people, gather them to have pictures and send them but I don't think it's the purpose within God's will. Our prayer is that more people know our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for trusting us and if God allows it on July 31 will change the traffic light in which everything is forbidden to orange that several things can be done between when we visit the houses.

I hope to see you soon in the name of the Lord.  
Pastor Jorge Ernesto



## Letter from Pastor David in Tarapoto, Peru

Blessings Pastor Carl,

Thanks for your prayers, my family and I are good thank God, we had a fever but we're doing just fine now. Around 20 people who had been working with us all these years passed away because of the Covid 19.

Many people died in Tarapoto due to the lack of oxygen at the hospitals and if you wanted to get oxygen by yourself you had to pay around 6000 soles, (\$1,700), to get a tank of oxygen and people can't afford that. Many of them lost their jobs and those who work with mototaxis got the Corona Virus.

It's so sad that people have to go outside to work while they get the virus, we're running out of medicine and some people are taking advantage of this situation to increase their prices. Since the quarantine began, our church has lifted groups of prayers at 5:00 am and 3:00pm every day, We have had over 3,000 prayer requests.

Thank God many people got well after fighting against the virus but unfortunately some of them died. We've been preaching and praying with those people who are waiting outside the hospitals with their tanks of oxygen for their love ones, many of them sleep outside the hospital because they aren't from Tarapoto.

Our pastors from the villages got the virus too and we sent them help and medicine, we've been doing our best trying to protect ourselves, thank God we're fine.

Here in Peru 7 regions are still in quarantine due to the number of infections, one of them is San Martin, our region.

Thank you so much for your prayers and help, we really appreciate it. I'll keep you informed about our situation. I attached a video about the things we've been doing recently.

God bless you.



This QR code will take you directly to Pastor David's video.

To get more information about the Compassion of Christ Amidst Covid-19 visit our special website using this QR code.



## Demonstrating the Compassion of Christ in the Time of Covid

<sup>35</sup>*Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.*

<sup>36</sup>*Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.* <sup>37</sup>*Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."* <sup>38</sup>*Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*

**Matthew 9:35-38 NASB**

These times in which we are living certainly feel like verse 36. As we are coping with the outbreak of Covid-19, I think we have all at one time or another since March been distressed and dispirited.

For me, sometimes it was because of the seeming contradictions of "wear a mask", then "Don't wear a mask" and then "wear a mask" again. Businesses being shut down and then reopened only to be shut down again.

It has been dispiriting to see personal friends and family worrying if they still have a job to go back to, and how they will continue to support their families.

Most distressing of all are those who are suffering from the virus itself and have even lost loved ones to the disease.

As I have been corresponding with our friends in The Philippines, Mexico and Peru and learning of their own suffering during the Covid outbreak, I have also been moved by compassion for them.

It is their heart to demonstrate the same compassion that Christ feels for their church members and those with whom they share a neighborhood. However they lack the resources.

**I want to appeal to your compassion to give to His Healing Hands "Compassion of Christ" fund.**

These funds will be used to provide help to people who are distressed and dispirited not only in the Philippines, Mexico and Peru, but right here as well

One fourth of all the money raised will be given to our local food bank, Loaves and Fishes, Paso Robles, to provide food for people in our neighborhood.

The rest will be sent to our church partners overseas so that they can go out as "Harvesters" as they share the love and compassion of Christ to their members and neighbors.

**Please consider a generous donation to the "Compassion of Christ" fund.**

You can donate using the included form and envelope or at our website [www.hishealinghands.com](http://www.hishealinghands.com)