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Dear friends,

I am trusting all is well with you. We are doing ok here. We have been in quarantine now for 4 weeks. Every week, restrictions are getting tighter. We have a super great blessed new President who is a Doctor. God had him set aside for the Guatemalan people. He ran for President 4 different times and lost but God knew we would need him now 2020. Guatemala has 180 people infected with corona, 5 have died and 20 have recovered and are home. We have toca de cada. Everyone must be in their homes by 4:00pm and must stay put until 4:00am the following morning. No one on the streets. Everyone must have a mask on when out. Children 5 and under, pregnant women, and people over 60 (thats me) can not go out of their homes, unless of an emergency. Everything is closed down. Super markets are open in the mornings but close at 12:00 noon. But hey, it's keeping the rate of people getting sick down.



Now on our situation and school, since the middle of March schools have been closed. We had anticipated something like this would happen. So we had left guide lines to teachers and students and parents alike for on line classes, which we are now doing in full swing. Thank God for our computer classes that everyone has taken part in even the little ones. Most all families have smart phones and even though we are up in the boonies on top of the mountains we have a great internet service. Praise God! We are in close contact with our directors and our teachers who are in touch with students and parents. All in all we are learning a new way of educating our children, and parents are having to take a more active part in their childrens education, and they are, which is wonderful.

Now, with all this going on really unexpected to us all. I have had to take a good look at plans for the rest of this year. We will more than likely be in shut down with our school until June, though it could be longer. This will mean we will have to extend our school year until November and possibly December. As you can imagine some of our parents are out of work and are not able to pay the monthly school payments which are \$20.00 monthly for ten months. We as well have a staff of 57 teachers, directors, office staff, janitors, who need to be paid they are doing their jobs but from home. No funds have come in so far from parents paying their children's school, as a matter of fact some parents are questioning why they should pay when their children are not in classes.

Now this said, I know we have a great God and we will come thru this COVID 19 together. Things will return to a new normal but this Coronavirus will end, life will start anew and soon. So this is what I am doing. I had mentioned in February newsletter, of a plan to build a third floor on our school and had put away some funds in anticipation of this happening. These funds I had planned for building, but God had another plan, I will now use to pay my staff their salaries. Its impossible to just say, well I am sorry no money coming in so you will just have to wait. That is not acceptable they live month by month with what they earn teaching our children. The building project will be put on hold for now, all in Gods timing.

I ask you for your prayers and to stand together with me during this time of troubles my dear friends. God will see us thru this as He has so many times before. He is faithful always.

Yours in Christ

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