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RIBBON ROADS

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Dear Prayer Partners;

We sure do live in a world that is full of contradictions and confusion. We have been told you don't go out but go out. Don't travel but only essential travel. Quarantine is necessary, but for specific countries, it's not essential. You can protest but don't assemble to more than fifty but social distance. One meter apart or two meters apart, wear a mask or not wear a mask. You can sing, or you can't sing. And through all of this, the threat of covid19 developing a second wave is looming. Uncertain? Yes, we are living in a world where people are confused, scared, jobless, homeless. Losing loved ones and not being able to share their grief with them. Suicides will escalate, relationships are falling apart, and we could keep going. We read articles and watch the news, and all we can think of is how are we doing as a church to make our voice heard and share God's message to this broken world? We hear and read conspiracy theories coming from Christians, arguing, refusal to think of others when it comes to masks and distancing. Folks the world is watching, and they are hurting. The other day Amanda was talking with a lady, and at one point in the conversation, she realised she was talking too much and just needed to listen. That's what this lady needed. Someone to listen not to add to her already anxious heart.

In saying all of this, what does or will ministry look like for us? We are trying to figure this out in a way that we keep our contact with those whom God has given us to minister to and be able to reach out to new people to share the Gospel. We are not allowed to have our Bible Studies in our homes without

social distancing. Homes tend to be smaller and unable to accommodate social distancing. Therefore "Zoom" will be our venue for future Bible Studies until it is clear to do otherwise. We are back meeting as a Church on Sundays but in two services keeping safety measures in place. We are thankful to the Lord and praising Him for all that He is doing. God is moving in hearts all around us during this time. We must stifle the noise that is going on in our circumstances and see people in front of us just the way God sees them. During this time, it is so easy to get distracted and become so busy with plans and ideas that we don't see people.

"Lord, give me your eyes to see people the way you see them."

These are exciting days in which we live. We are witnessing God at work in a world that so badly needs saving. We are counting it a privilege to be part of His plan may we all find ourselves faithful and serving sharing the Gospel to those around us.

Covid19 is universal at the moment and common for our day to day life and ministry. As you pray for yourselves, pray for us here and we for you. Let us rejoice that God is in control, and He sees the bigger picture of what is ahead of us all.

Your Missionaries to Ireland
John and Amanda Herrick
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Please Pray for:

Leah needing a job and to close apartment in China

Sean preparing for last year in college.

Contacts to be made

Church ministry during Covid19

John's citizenship

Our health

Timing of future furlough



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