

October 2020 Update

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Shalom from Florida! At the writing of this letter, more than a month in advance of your receiving it, we continue to be in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. Florida, which had recently been one of the nation's hotspots, is finally showing a downward curve. There is a real possibility that by the time you receive this letter that Palm Beach County will be going to the next phase in the reopening of the state. Though a decision hasn't been made yet, it is certainly possible that we will also have started to slowly reopen our office. It will be good to have some interaction with people, even if they will be socially distanced and wearing a mask. In spite of the difficult times we are living in, Julia and I rejoice in the goodness of the Lord and pray you would be able to do the same.

These last months we have been reading an old Chuck Swindoll book on Philippians that has helped us significantly while navigating through a difficult family situation. As I shared with you last month, the particular verses we've been meditating on are Philippians 4:6-7, "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" Paul encourages us not to be anxious for anything and gives the reason why in the previous verse, "*The Lord is near.*" My prayer for you is that in the midst of this pandemic, the fact that the Lord is near, close by, in close proximity, is coming soon, will enable you not to be afraid or anxious. He knows all the issues we're dealing with and will enable us to be victorious through them.

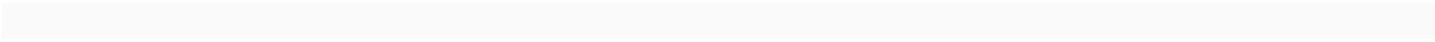
Our immediate family continues to do well and are all healthy and virus free. We praise God for you, our partners in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and health, and your continuing support of our ministry. Please let us

know how we can be praying for you as well.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

Rich + Julia

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As some of you may know, I've been writing and rewriting a commentary on Psalm 23 for quite a while, with an emphasis on the subject of contentment. I am thankful for the Lord enabling me to finish the rough draft and hopefully will be able to publish the book soon. One aspect of the book that has been especially helpful during these difficult days has been Philippians 4:13, where Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." This truth is also what Paul calls, "the secret of being content." My prayer for you is that in the midst of this pandemic, you would rest in the fact that whatever it is you are dealing with, His strength will enable you to persevere.

Our immediate family continues to be doing well and are all healthy and virus free. Our daughter-in-law Joanna, here in South Florida, is due to give birth to our granddaughter in December and we would appreciate your prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby. We praise God for you, our partner in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and health, and your continuing support of our ministry. Please let us know how we can be praying for you as well. Hopefully, we will begin to see a return to some degree of normalcy in the not too distant future. With Thanksgiving coming later this month, I remind you of Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "in everything give thanks."

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December 2020 Update

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Shalom from Florida! At the writing of this letter we are now back in our office, but only two days a week. It has been good to have some interaction with people, even if it is socially distanced and we're all wearing masks. It still all seems very weird. In spite of the difficult times we are living in, Julia and I rejoice in the goodness of the Lord and pray you are able to do the same.

I've been doing a weekly Zoom Bible study on the book of Daniel and its relevance to what we're dealing with today. For those of you struggling with what is going to happen because of the election, listen to the words of Daniel, from Daniel 4:17, as judgment is pronounced over a king who does not acknowledge God's sovereignty. "The Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whom He wishes and sets over it the lowliest of men." Whatever happens in the election is all part of God's plan and we need to pray for the strength of faith to trust God's plan for our future.

Our immediate family continues to be doing well and are all healthy and Covid free. Our daughter-in-law, Joanna, here in South Florida, is due to give birth to our seventh grandchild in mid-December and we would appreciate your prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby.

We praise God for you, our partners in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and health, and your continuing support of our ministry. Please let us know how we can be praying for you as well. Hopefully, we will begin to see a return to some degree of normalcy in the not too distant future.

With Christmas coming remember the words of the angels to the shepherds in the field, "for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Jesus is the reason for the season.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

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