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### Prayer Letter – May 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

I was looking forward to being with Missionary Joe Kotvas and his family this week, in Lima, Peru, for a special celebration of their ministry with the deaf, but, as has been the case for almost everyone, due to the coronavirus, we had to change our plans. Brother Kotvas compared the emergency quarantine in Peru to martial law. Their movements are severely restricted under penalty of arrest and massive fines. Only one person in a family can go out during certain hours of the day to purchase food, and on certain days no one can go out at all. Please join us in praying for Brother Kotvas as well as for other missionaries, around the world, who are facing similar challenges.



#### **IT IS TIME TO CRANK IT UP A NOTCH**

The following words from the Apostle Paul describe the approach that Brother Kotvas and his coworkers are taking during this challenging time: ***“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.” (II Cor. 4:8,9)*** In the midst of these unexpected difficulties, the ministers of the Efata Baptist Church have been preaching online and hosting weeklong virtual Bible Conferences for both the deaf and the hearing. **During this time seven deaf people have been saved.** Instead of ratcheting it down a little during this epidemic, the people of the Efata Baptist Church have cranked it up a notch. What an example of faithful service!

#### **THE HARDEST HIT AREA – MANAUS, AMAZONAS, BRAZIL**

Among other South American countries, the amazon region of Brazil has been the hardest hit by the coronavirus. The people that we know there describe the situation as chaotic. Josias, a taxi driver who we know in Manaus, was tested positive for coronavirus, and two weeks later he died. Pastor Amarildo, the pastor of our church in Barcelos, has tested positive for the coronavirus and he said that for the last two nights he has had a high temperature and difficulty breathing. Please join us in praying for the Lord to comfort Josias’ family and to grant healing to Pastor Amarildo.



**Pastor Amarildo**

#### **OUR FIRST MISSIONARY TO ECUADOR**

This past February, Camilo Encina, from Chile, South America, joined Macedonia and is preparing to be on his field of service by the end of the year. He is presently with his wife’s family in Peru, waiting for the opportunity to continue to raise his support. Please join us in praying for the Lord’s will to be done in his ministry and family.



Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In Christ,  
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