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## March/April 2020 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This is our first prayer letter, and we are excited to share with you how God has blessed our family and ministry so far as we begin our deputation journey.

Like all of you, we are feeling the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak and the government's response to the crisis. Thankfully God has blessed us and all our loved ones with good health during the current outbreak. Sadly, many churches have had to close their doors and transition to online only services. Our home church has had to do the same. Obviously, this has affected our ability to schedule meetings as churches have had their schedules upended by all of this.

Our first meeting was supposed to be a missions conference scheduled for April 12-15, but because of California's stay-at-home order, it had to be cancelled. We were able to schedule one meeting in April at a church in Northern California and present our ministry via the church's Facebook live stream, which was a huge blessing. I'm thankful for pastors and churches who have a real burden for church planting. It is certainly an encouragement.

I am continuing to contact pastors during these unusual circumstances and have had a good response from many of them. There are many of course, who are not able to schedule, especially during these uncertain times. However, we have been able to schedule meetings for later in the fall of 2020 and that's exciting. God definitely has been very good to us.

The Bible says in Psalm 127:3 that "children are an heritage of the LORD" and later on in verse 5 that "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them." Well I am a happy man indeed as we eagerly anticipate the arrival of our fourth child in October. We do not yet know whether the baby will be a boy or girl, but either way, it will be a great gift from the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY for us to be able to schedule meetings during these difficult and uncertain times. PRAY that churches, especially in California, will be able to open their doors once again and soon we can enjoy the wonderful fellowship of corporate worship. And finally, PLEASE PRAY that all of us would remain healthy during the current pandemic. God is in control and none of this took Him by surprise.

The Ward Family Church planters to Riverside, CA