

# THE QUINTANA FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES IN ARIZONA

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Dear Pastor & Friends

Greetings in the name of Christ. This past few months has brought forth many challenges for our family here in Arizona. First of all I want to apologize our news letters has been behind in getting printed and sent out to you. So sorry for any problems this may have caused. This has been a challenging time for each of us & affected us all in so many different ways. Its affected our homes/families/ministries. As a Pastor/Missionary, it has been a time of reflecting on our ministries, watching & observing the times in which we live in. So first of all let me say Thank you; to you who are so faithful to the call of God, and continue to honor the Lord with your lives.

As you know from our past letters, we had to cancel our services for weeks, and also in June we started meeting out side of the building in the parking lot. We were finally in the building for 3 weeks, only meeting for a 1 hr services on Sunday. Our church family was slowly coming in for church services, and then on July 7<sup>th</sup>, I woke up not feeling so well, I went on about my day, & soon found my self in the urgent care being tested for Covid 19, I had all the symptoms, I went home to be quarantined. I was very careful, trying to not get exposed, but best I could do I got it. The same day & that week we had 7 more of our people very sick from the church, yes they had Covid also. We had to close our church doors once again for 2 weeks. We live in a small area, but a lot of people coming going. I already have a Lung condition, I had a few horrible days of it, but by Gods grace he brought me through it. Our other church people some had mild cases, some were very ill. One of our men in the church Bro. Kyle went to be with Jesus, he was 50 yrs old. He already had some health issues, & his body couldn't fight it. Its was very hard on our church with his death, and the ones that were sick. Once we open the church doors again, not many people were coming at first, but they would watch through face book live. Arizona had became a hot spot during the month of July, & our small towns were being hit with this virus. Many people within our community got it, and several we know didn't make it. Here we are in September now, and little by little our church people are slowly coming back now to church. We still only have the 1hr services on Sunday in person. We are hoping in the next few weeks we may can add back our Sunday School classes. God has been so good to us, and protected us. Please pray for our church family. Pray for open doors, that we can witness to the people. We are living in the last days, people need to be born again.

I have been having some serious back issues in the past months, to the point I had to go back to see the Neurosurgeon. Wasn't the news I wanted to hear but the spinal stenosis & degenerated disk disease is bad in my lower back area. I have now been scheduled for surgery 3 times. Due to me having Covid in July, I have to be tested 7 days prior to a surgery date. My Covid test continue to come back positive, I am not contagious, but I have the antibodies and that's why my test are positive, "yes its confusing" But until I can have a negative test, the hospital & Dr. cannot do my back surgery. As of now I am scheduled for a Covid test on October 13. Please pray I get a negative results and they can get me in to do this surgery, it is a 5-6 hrs surgery. The pain is horrible & it's a daily struggle. Sandy & family is doing well, due to the drought conditions & hot temps our garden did not fair so well this year. During the monsoon season we only seen two rain storms in our area. We are thankful we have not had any wild fires in our area. Conditions still remain dry & fire danger is red flagged. We had a guardianship review for our grandson Phoenix today, all went well, and we will have court again Sept 2021.

We do want to say thank you for all your prayers for us and our family. We know that it has been Gods people praying for us during these past few months. Please continue to pray for us, prayers for the ministry in Arizona. Thank you for your faithfulness. May God bless each of you.

Yours in Christ,  
Luther, Sandy Quintana