

## "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Dear family in Christ,

## **Please Stay**

Isa 26:2-3 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

In these troublesome times, many are crying out, "Open ye the gates"! It seems like there are so many closed gates now, and it happened in such a short time! A tiny virus has changed life dramatically all over the world. We daily walked through open gates without a thought, and now many of them are closed. Closed churches, closed stores have become the norm. The headline, "Please stay," is not a plea for us to abide by shelter-in-place regulations (although that is not a bad idea), but a plea to keep your mind stayed on God. This is especially needful during the domination of Covid-19. If we can stay our minds on the God who is so much bigger than a virus, then He will keep us in perfect peace. Will we trust Him?

Our Rock of Ages team was in revival meetings at North West Florida Reception Center, with one precious soul trusting Christ as Savior. 158 men attended services, and many inmates thanked us for coming.

Following NWFRC, we held revival services at Gadsden Re-Entry, a prison designed to prepare short-term inmates for release from incarceration. This was the first time that Rock of Ages was able to minister there. The chaplain was well pleased with the meetings, and gave us an open door to return any time! A total of 91 men attended the services, and three men were hopefully saved.

It was at Gadsden that things began to heat up with the virus situation. On the second day of the meetings, as we were checking in, the officer asked if any of us had flu-like symptoms or a fever. We knew then that trouble would likely be coming in days ahead.

When I returned home on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, went to church at our home church the next day, and began preparing to travel to Connecticut to see our great-grandchild, Jacob, and then to head off to Vermont for a meeting at Lighthouse Baptist Church, in Hinesburg, VT. On Sunday night, we decided that it would not be wise to make the trip due to all the changes that were beginning to happen due to the spread of the virus. Please do pray for revival in America. We need God desperately! The ROA office is converting to new financial software, so I'm unable this month to acknowledge receipt of funds. Sorry for any inconvenience.

We remain in Christ's Intensive Care,

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