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Essential Services



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The first two months of this year seemed normal. We traveled to Florida and Middle Tennessee to preach missions. The Lord blessed; we had good meetings. One meeting was with my daughter, Amber Yingling, who is on deputation for the Philippines. What fun! However, in March things dramatically changed, including traditional ministry. As you know, America is basically shut down except for essential services due to spread of COVID-19.

BIO remains open as we provide essential services to our missionaries around the world. Your faithful prayers and support make it possible for us to provide these essential services. Paul wrote about the Macedonian Church to the Corinthian Church regarding their essential service (financial gifts) in 2 Corinthians 9:12. He said, "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." Because of your financial gifts and prayers for us we are able to provide essential services to our missionaries unto the praise and glory of God. Thank you!

The main service that BIO provides for our missionaries is that of a clearinghouse. We receive and disperse missionary support. Due to the pandemic, many countries have employed stricter measures of isolation, some even with military enforced curfews. It is very important that a missionary's funds get to them when and where they are needed. This is an essential service!

Other essential services that we provide for our missionaries are communication and consultation. Missionaries need encouragement and advice, especially now. Solomon said, "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad." (Proverbs 12:25)

The most essential service that you and I could ever provide for our missionaries is prayer. "Pray without ceasing." Here are a few ways that you can effectually and fervently pray for your missionaries during this time. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteousness man availeth much." (James 5:16)

Pray for their Safety.

As the coronavirus spreads around the world we need to pray for our missionaries' safety. This is most true for those serving in developing countries where testing and treatment are almost non-existent.

Pray for their Support.

As this pandemic persists it will be increasingly challenging for everyone, but especially for missionaries who rely on the gifts of God's people. Many churches are already experiencing a significant decrease in their tithes and offerings due to not being able to meet corporately. This trickles down to the missionary. Pray for the missionaries on deputation who have lost meetings. Pray for the missionaries on the field who will inevitably lose support.

Pray for their Service.

Pray that missionaries will redeem the time (Ephesians 5:16). God is working in wonderful ways around the world. One of our missionaries in Nigeria could not travel to his church due to travel restrictions. He ministered in the community where he lives instead. The result was a new church plant! God is sovereign; He is working! Pray for souls to be saved, pray for churches to be started, and pray that God will be greatly glorified through this pandemic.

Thank you so much for your Prayers and Support. We Love You and pray for you!

John 10:16 "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."