

UNO+

PURA VIDA CHURCH

360

COVID-19 UPDATE

Like the rest of the world Costa Rica has also been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we pray for you and that God will end the spread of this disease we ask that you will pray for us as we seek new ways to do ministry in these uncertain times.

COSTA RICA SITUATION

Quarantine restrictions in effect until April 16

- Borders are closed to non citizens
- Schools and public spaces (beaches, parks, sport facilities, gyms, churches etc.) closed
- no driving after 10pm until 5am
- lots of social pressure for people to stay home

EFFECTS OF QUARANTINE

- Tourism accounts for about 10% of CR GDP and with no tourists coming in many people have lost their jobs (hotels, restaurants, tours and taxi)
- The coastal areas have been especially affected as beaches are closed so fishermen are prohibited from fishing at this time
- fear, uncertainty, isolation and boredom

PURA VIDA CHURCH RESPONSE

- all small groups and Sunday Services have been moved to online formats
- collecting food to distribute to families who have lost their jobs due to the quarantine
- seeking creative ways to stay connected with people
- giving resources to people to be more self sustainable during this time of crisis (vegetable gardening supplies and meat chickens)

UNO+ RESPONSE

- We are following the school restrictions and have closed all UNO+ centers
- Because schools are closed and many children depended on the meal they received at school UNO+ is collecting and distributing food to the children and families in need
- we are staying connected with families via social media and online formats

360 RESPONSE

Along with the other churches in the Latin America Area the 360 Mission District has been contributing videos and other online resources to encourage pastors and churches to be creative in how they reach out to people during this crisis. We have hired a graphic designer/media expert to help us connect with people during this time of social distancing and to help us manage this new reality.

PRAY

- that the virus stops spreading
- that the peace that surpasses all understanding can be upon us all
- that we can be a light in this time of darkness
- that we can take every opportunity to preach the good news to people in new and creative ways
- that we can continue to be generous, and trust that God will take care of all our physical and financial needs

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The ministry in Costa Rica will continue despite COVID-19 and we ask that you continue to pray and support the work that God is doing here.

- to support UNO+ contact leonkyle@gmail.com
- to support church planting, leadership development and media resources go to <https://give.fmcusa.org/donation/shoreline-missions-district-ministry-support>
- to support the Leon family go to <https://give.fmcusa.org/page.aspx?pid=1279>