

Dear Friends,

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We celebrated Easter this year quite a bit differently, and yet not at the same time. We may not have been able to gather together, but our hearts were warmed as we “heard” a chorus of “He is Risen!” scrolling through social media feeds. God’s glory will always shine across the earth despite circumstances. As we joined in on different services yesterday and celebrated Jesus’ resurrection, the phrase that most stood out to me is this: we have the power of the resurrection living in us. We can live in the power of the resurrection each day. We pray that as we work out with fear and trembling what that means for our lives in this new normal that you also would see this power in amazing ways.

Happy Easter!!



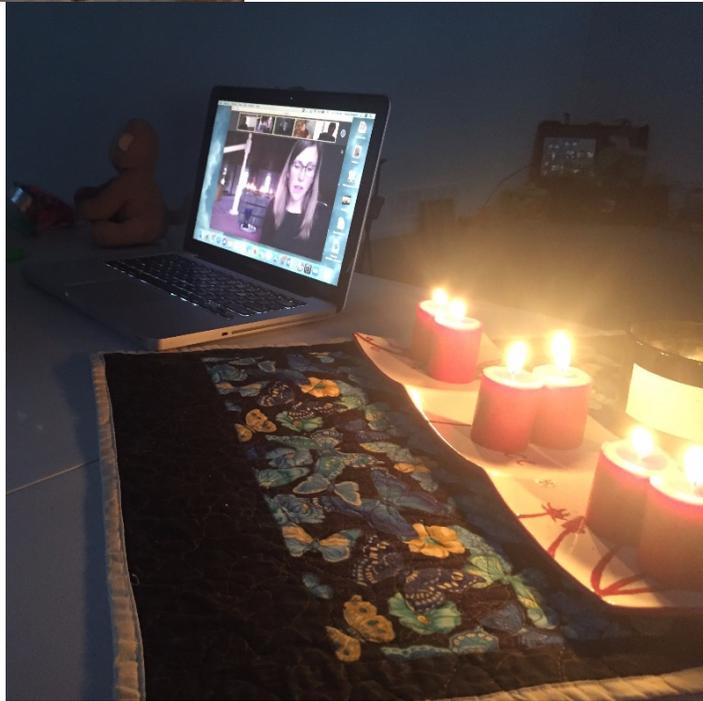
What's New?

New House! We are so thankful that before quarantine happened we were able to rent a home. This has given us space to unpack and rest as we wait out quarantine and seek the next steps. Our new address is at the bottom of this newsletter.

New Job! Rodrigo started his 6 month job and we are thankful that as of now he is able to work from home and we can continue to have income despite the current situation. And, as Dearborn is the Arab capital of the United States, he is excited to be learning some Arabic from coworkers.

New Encouragement! Tanya had the privilege to attend the Wesleyan Holiness Women's clergy conference right before quarantine. We are immensely thankful for the registration that was paid for her. It was such an encouragement to be surrounded by women pastors from the Free Methodist Church as well as other Wesleyan denominations and be encouraged in who I am and in my call as we wait for what that will look like.

New Ways to Partner! We miss gathering with people so much, but we have enjoyed the opportunity to be with you our partners in new ways. As churches are broadcasting services live on facebook and youtube, we have been able to "visit" and worship with you and many of our partner churches when geography normally would keep us apart.





New Skills! Ellia celebrated her half birthday on Monday. We can hardly believe she's two and a half and over three feet tall! She started going to day care before quarantine began and enjoyed making new friends. Now she is working on her peddling skills. She has figured out how to peddle all the way around but lacks strength to go far. We sneakily help by pushing just a little!

We continue to seek God's face for our ministry assignment, although with the world pressing pause it seems that next steps are also paused. We are desirous to begin what's next, but we have been thankful for this pause that allows us to just be with Jesus as He leads us beside still waters before sending us on the way we should go. We pray that whatever circumstances you find yourself in that you may feel the Lord's leading and are able to rest in Him. Prayer is one of our most powerful ways to minister and this climate has given us all the time to pray. As the Lord brings you to mind, we have been lifting you up in prayer. Please let us know specific prayer requests that you have during this time.

May the Lord keep you healthy and safe as we walk together toward how He is calling all of us to love Him and love others.

Blessings,
Rodrigo, Tanya, and Ellia