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Missionary to Lebanon

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Greetings in Christ Jesus,

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

We have so many amazing and precious promises in God's Word, that at times seem hard to believe, and even harder to apply in our daily life. It is humbling to think that with all that is happening around the world that God is orchestrating all of it to the good of His children. Oh, that we might fully trust that promise and confide in it.

Like so many of the Lord's churches around the world these last two months have seen a major change in the way that we do ministry. Lebanon has been no exception, and in fact the restrictions that Lebanon put in place have exceeded most countries in the world, despite having a relatively low number of coronavirus cases. Nevertheless we have been barred from church meetings since March 12th, and have a very strict curfew in place, restricting use of vehicles to three days a week and putting a curfew at 6 PM. All of this has pretty much crippled any church meeting, and nearly all of the visitations. I have been able to maintain a few visits, but the local municipality has been extremely tough. Thankfully, many of the people have access to internet or at least whatsapp, so I have been able to continue Bible studies via electronic media.

All of this is on top of an extremely difficult economic situation that had already put one third of the country below the poverty line, not including the refugees, who were already in poverty. They now estimate 50% of the country is in poverty, and even worse for the refugees. I was able to make a couple of food portion projects over the past two months, and it was a great testimony to many of the people that as followers of Jesus Christ, we must be as our Master. Many of the people are severely rationing their food, as they cannot afford even basic staples.

There is a general plan to re-open the country by the beginning of June. Please pray that God would open many doors to minister to people's spiritual needs and let them see that their greatest need is Bread of Life. We also hope to re-assert efforts to find an independent place to rent. Before the lockdown, we had found a place and agreed with the landlord, but he has since refused to rent, not that we'd be able to use it anyway.

Pray that God would lead many people to Himself in these trying times. We so often feel ourselves unfit for the massive work that surrounds us, but we trust in Him, that He is faithful to perform the work He has called us to. Thank you all for your love, prayers, and support.

For souls who have never heard,

Noah and Souraya George

