



Dear Pastor Wee & SBC Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our Sovereign Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [I Peter 1:13]

We live in uncertain times, but we believe in a certain future when our faith will be sight at the rapture and the revelation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! In the meantime, we must be girded in our minds; guarded in our motives and guided by the Holy Spirit in our ministries as we endeavor to fulfill our mandate and ministries for whatever time is left for us in this earth!

On March 9, my wife and I came to the Philippines to take care of some pressing matters only intending to stay for ten days. But, since then we have been stranded here due to the lockdowns and travel bans resulting from the COVID19 pandemic. We are thankful that Vietnam has been very effective in containing COVID19 pandemic and things are back to normal there with public places and establishments reopening and schools resuming, etc. But, they are still very strict in allowing international flights coming countries still struggling with the pandemic like the Philippines.

HO CHI MINH MINISTRY – After three months of lockdowns and quarantines our Vietnamese and multinational church in Saigon are able to physically assemble and worship together in their respective meeting places. I am thankful that through ZOOM I am still able to do all the preaching and teaching for our people. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness of our people staying connected together as a church through the quarantine time and then coming back to attend the regular services. We had to give up one of our ministry buildings, but we thank the Lord we can slowly start back up again. Now, we have to gradually resume our other ministries and to challenge our people to be faithful in their giving as our finances was also affected by the three months of lockdowns.

HANOI MINISTRY – We thank the Lord that our congregation in the capital city is back to being able to assemble and congregate every Sunday for our worship service. It's a blessing that we are able to keep our mission apartment despite the crisis with the Covid19 pandemic. It is also an encouragement to us to see our people united and stepping up in taking care of the ministry in our absence. It is also a great blessing for us to witness our Vietnamese young people grow in their faith and begin to take on leadership responsibilities and develop the

ability to teach and disciple others. There is no greater joy in the ministry than to see young believers grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We covet your prayers that the situation in Vietnam will continue to be stable and that there will be no second wave for the Covid19 pandemic and that international flight resume and allow all Asian countries enter the country. We have been patiently waiting and praying that we may be allowed to fly back to the country. In the meantime we keep ourselves busy and productive whatever we can do here in the Philippines. I continue to teach and preach for our midweek services and Sunday worship service through zoom. But, there is nothing more that we desire right now than to be with our people and getting back to our normal ministry life in Vietnam.

This year we were not able to have our Baptist Heritage Month, Mission Conferences and our Annual Youth Camp. We were preparing for our 1st Faith Promise Conference in Hanoi before the pandemic. We were also excitedly planning for our summer youth in Dalat this July until we have this crisis that we're only beginning to recover from. It looks like that we will have to just plan these events later this year or early next year.. But, we have to be strong in the Lord and be sensitive what He is preparing us for during this time that we have to stand still and let God perform His wondrous works.

Thank you very much to all of the brethren who are sacrificially giving even during this time of pandemic when many people have lost their jobs and churches are not able to congregate and finances are really badly affected. We are praying to the Lord for our supporting churches that you will all be safe during this time and that the Lord will supply all your needs and continue to enable you to keep your commitments to missions.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. More Souls to be Saved and to Disciple in 2020
2. More Young Men to Surrender to the Ministry
3. Good Health and Protection for the Espino family
4. God's direction and leading for Michelle and Rachelle
5. God's Protection and Provision for Hanoi and Saigon Ministries
6. God's Guidance and Wisdom for all our decisions
7. God's Sovereign will and plan for our members in our congregation
8. God's intervention with the COVID19 pandemic

YOURS FOR VIETNAM,

THE ESPINO FAMILY

Support Gratefully Received: \$1,200.00 – April – June 2020

1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."