

GRACEMODE

COVID 19, as I see it...

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For over a month, the world has been changing faster than many of us thought possible! All over the globe, the coronavirus, COVID 19, is on top of the list of topics of conversation. Our lives are in an upheaval, of sorts, and many have been affected, and many have died from this pandemic. History will, indeed, note 2020 as a year of tumult, fear, and stress. How will this all end? Only God knows, but, as believers in Jesus Christ, we have every reason to have confidence in our Great God's power and design for what is before all of us worldwide!

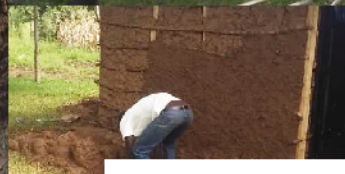
Honestly, I do not have the ability to predict how this pandemic will change our lives in the long run. I do believe that the advice given us in Proverbs 3:5-6 is spot on for today's uncertainties and concerns, as we read ***Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*** NKJV. These verses may not answer all of our questions, but, for me, they point to the One who can handle every situation perfectly. In fact, even situations such as plagues, famines, financial loss, and the like are no surprise to Him, and He has made it clear that ***all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose*** (Romans 8:28 NKJV)

Of course, I urge you to take steps to protect yourself and others by following guidelines given by those in the know about preventing the spread of and the treatment for this deadly virus. It means that our schedules and our daily activities (and more) will be changed, but in the end, together, we can make a wonderful difference in the very outcome of this new adventure in life.

My advice? ***Hang in there!*** God knows our every need, and in Christ we can be secure in the knowledge that this is just a "dot" on the time line of eternity, and our eternity is in His hands!

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SPECIAL EDITION

The house that love built



For months, John Olwanda, our GraceMode missionary in Kenya, has been saving up to build a mud house for his family. We were recently able to send enough to finally fund the project, and in three days, John built his family dwelling. Praise the LOrd! (continued on page 2)

John's house is a miracle! Like our missionaries and partners in Asia, John is confined by the pandemic's restrictions. All of our workers need regular funding for food, shelter and ministry projects. Some need medical help, too. We are committed to each one, but we are depending on God's people to stand with us in prayer and finances, in order to get the tasks before us accomplished. Pray for John and Esther in Kenya, Bishnu and Goma and Peter and Leena in Nepal, and Pastor Prem and Sangeeta in India. Times are tough, but God's grace abounds!



From feast to famine

On March 7th, we enjoyed our 4th annual fund raising banquet in Pueblo, Colorado, and the evening was very enjoyable! We had hoped for a larger crowd, but about then the threat of the coronavirus was just becoming a reality. For that reason, we were down to about 50 people, and we had great fellowship, wonderful music (provided by the Living Water Fellowship Praise Band) and a wonderful meal.

As we shared the vision of GraceMode, the ministry picture became clearer for some. Our focus of being part of a much bigger picture helps us to see that our numbers and size of projects is not as important as being part of the Body of Christ, doing what we are called to do.

Shortly after the banquet, Eloise and I headed to a retreat in Arkansas. It was wonderful, but by then, the country was becoming more and more restricted in all areas of life, including

travel, restaurants, rest areas, church, and more.

Nonetheless, we enjoyed each other's company, visited some sites, like the huge cross, rising 19 stories high, near Groom, Texas. It is very impressive, and a wonderful testimony to passersby! We also visited Prague, Oklahoma, and were impressed by the Czech heritage on display, even though most things were closed. Eloise is Czech, and she really wanted to stop and look. I was glad to accommodate!



Upon arriving home, we began to see that life was changing for everyone, and that goes double for our missionaries and ministry partners, none of whom will find government help or financial stimulus packages.

When this pandemic begins to pass, and life begins to get back to normal, I would like you to consider spending some *extra* time praying for us and our missionaries' ministries and future. By God's grace, the work will continue!

Lost souls will hear the truth of the Gospel, and children will be taught the things of the Lord, preparing them to lead the church of tomorrow. We face a time of transitioning from being under "house arrest" by the pandemic, to being free to move about as we do the work of the Lord. We need to be here for those in great need, and we plan to stay with the plan, letting God provide for all of our needs.

Enclosed is a response card. Please ask the Lord how you should respond, and do what He leads you to do. Honestly, if that means only that you will pray, Hallelujah! If you feel that you should give, every little bit helps. Some may be blessed with a stimulus check and can give more, but whatever you do, may your response *only be to the Lord!*

Yours for Christ,

Pastor Al Engel

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