

STILL HUNKERING DOWN

THE NORM

When we wrote our April prayer letter we were hoping that COVID-19 would be over in a few months. Alaska opened at the end of May, however, Alaska has had significant increases in COVID-19 cases during the last few weeks. Because of this Anchorage has reinstated earlier restrictions.

Many communities off the road system have restrictions on who can fly in while communities on the road system outside Anchorage have continued lesser restrictions.

CANCELLATIONS

Northern Ministry Training scheduled for May was canceled, as was the one-day ethnography training that Gary was scheduled to do for SEND North's intern program. The July Member Orientation Program in Farmington, MI was also canceled.

VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION

Gary facilitated a course on Grow2Serve in May titled "Living On Mission in Times of Crisis." The course was developed by the Mennonite Brethren Mission, Multiply, to help missionaries deal with the current COVID situation and others like it. Another offering of the course has started and Gary is now facilitating it. In addition, Gary continues to write blog posts and coach missionaries.

SEND North's Annual Conference, scheduled for August 4-6, was also canceled. Instead we had a virtual Annual Meeting by Zoom on August 4th to fulfill legal requirements as an Alaska Corporation.

We continue to attend our church's services via the internet. Our church has three services, one of which is for those whose health is compromised, but because of Kevin's respiratory challenges on furlough, we don't feel it wise to attend. All of us long for the virus's end so we can again attend in person.

FAMILY

Carol's Bible study is in the Gospel of John.



Kevin is walking on the treadmill unless the weather is good and we have a little extra time. In nice weather we walk outside. He is still doing some weight training. He listens to music on our devices. Sometimes he helps with the wheelbarrow, garden wagon, or brings garden produce into the house.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We thank the Lord every day for good health. Please continue to pray for Kevin's health as he is at high risk for respiratory infections.

Pray for opportunities to share our faith with our neighbors.

Pray for our nation's peace and for a change in heart toward Christ.

Pray that Gary will soon be able to start a virtual learning community with some SEND North men.

Pray for the SEND U staff as we develop a virtual Member Orientation Program.

ONCE AGAIN, WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.