



July 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Elkview Baptist,

It is a joy for us to pray regularly for you along with our other supporting churches and friends. We will ever be thankful for both your prayers and giving that has enabled us to serve the Lord full-time in missions for 52 years. Hard for us to believe, but true!

Perhaps you remember the song, *"Things are Different Now, Something Happened to Me..."* Well, life and ministry has been quite different for us the last three months. Cooped up in our condo, groceries brought in by our son Andrew, and going to church on the internet is not our favorite way of living. On the other hand, when we think of how things are in most of the rest of the world, we are filled with gratitude for God's goodness to us, all so undeserved. And glad, too, that ministry has gone on with the computer and telephone and some six-feet apart meetings out on our parking lot.

One blessing was four ladies from our church coming to see us with a guitar. They sang three hymns out in our parking lot with Joyce and me keeping our "social distance." I noticed some of our neighbors out on their balcony taking it all in.

Times are exceptionally troubled but, like you, we're clinging to Christ, the One who always proves faithful. By the time you get this letter we should be in northeastern Ohio until November. We are flying up from Florida July 1st. Considering our age and health we pray the Lord to take care of us on the airplane so that we do not get the virus. We will take all possible precautions, of course.

One thing we know: God has not been taken by surprise by anything that is going on. He has not had to adjust His plan for this world one iota. Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3 *"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people."* All this is coming true, but thankfully, our hope is in the Lord and He is on the throne!

Heartily in Christ,

Boxley and Joyce



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