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To the Gateway family (cont)

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Hi everyone, how are you all?

The last time I sat and wrote Pastor's pen it was 24th March, we were being told to stay at home, there was 87 new deaths in hospitals to CoVid-19. Now nearly a month later with 449 new deaths yesterday and over 16,500 deaths registered in hospitals to CoVid 19, it reminds me a little of growing up in N. Ireland during the troubles, everyone was affected, it touched everybody's life in some capacity or other.

Without doubt, many of you will know people who have been symptomatic of the virus and recovered, nearly all will know of someone who has died. Our Prime Minister is still recuperating, some Elim Pastors have had the virus and recovered but unfortunately some have died, leaving behind not just families but church families and communities.

The price being paid by those in hospital is phenomenal, even more so by those in ICU; on the news we get a glimpse of what it is like, but what we see goes no way to transmit the stories behind each facemask, the heat, the tension, the tiredness, the fatigue, the fear, the mental anguish at seeing yet another patient pass away, not alone but without family or loved ones beside them!

I would encourage you to PRAY. Pray daily and keep on praying for those in the frontline.

Yet in this cauldron of pain, of ever-increasing deaths there are equally incredible, remarkable, hope giving and inspiring stories of sacrificial love, kindness, compassion of fellow man for his fellow man.

Great things are happening. A friend of mine has taken a sound system onto his street and read out Psalm 91 over the street, now some neighbours are asking for more..... Psalm 23 coming up! When people go out to clap the NHS/Careworkers/Keyworkers on a Thursday night, prayer requests are being taken! People are getting bold and praying for others over the phone and this is just the tip of the iceberg..... not to mention, hampers, cards, flowers and much, much more.

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Maybe, now a month down the line, you are beginning to feel really isolated and even a little useless. I would encourage you that there is so much for you still to do. We need your prayers, your brothers and sisters in the church need your prayers, the nation needs your prayers. Pray, and like Daniel, practice perseverant prayer, don't stop until we see the answer, keep on going, knowing that as you keep on, keeping on, His character is being formed in you, Hallelujah!

Maybe, not that many people ring you! Please be aware we have tried to ensure that everyone is connected (some way or other), but please be proactive! Pray, seek God for a word of encouragement and Ring someone yourself! Knowing that as you give out, God will pour in!

I love the 1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV) it says, "Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. **But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.**"

I have boldened "But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God". At this time I would exhort you, implore you to encourage yourself in the Lord. Make time for God daily, come before Him, even set a chair out if that helps. Talk, listen, Praise Him for all He has done..... wait on Him, knowing that He really loves you, wants your company and is waiting! Let His love and light infill you with eternal hope and expectation of what He wants to do in and through your life for HIS glory.

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Pastors Marty & Rebeca

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