

This letter comes as we are going through some difficult times, as many of you are. These are perspectives from both Lisa and Kevin as we want to update you with what is going on with us personally and in ministry.

The Christmas cards keep trickling in and it seems totally weird that I have not made or sent any this year! ☹️ Back in November just before Thanksgiving, we realized that we had been **exposed to the COVID-19** virus. Kevin got sick first and then I started to feel like I was coming down with it. Kevin was tested positive and our daughter told us, "If Dad is positive, Mom is sure to follow." She was right, and unfortunately it hit me hard and fast! It didn't go away quickly, but took me through a dark, rough, tunnel that seemed unbearable at times. Chills, high fevers and an excruciating headache that felt like it was from the pit of hell! Then congestion in the lungs, but God was merciful to me. Along with exercises for my lungs, my oxygen level stayed high enough to escape the "solo" hospital stay! Kevin didn't want me to be alone without him, so he kept me hydrated and "fed". Today is December 13th and I am just able to stay up long enough to make my first meal.

My boss (I am teaching online at a Christian High School) and another teacher/administrator took my classes for the weeks I was sick. I am humbled and **beyond grateful** for the way they stepped in and cared for my health and desired to remove this extra stress from my life! They have been so kind and caring and have blessed me beyond words! I am extremely blessed for these loving, Godly friends! Also, I could have never gone through this experience without the tender and faithful care of my dear husband, Kevin who went beyond the call of duty! I am eternally grateful to him and to the Lord for being at my side through the whole dark valley! He never complained and served me with kindness and sometimes when he too was dragging physically, he remained there for me. He relied on our daughter's nursing expertise, advice, and God's grace.

Some of you never knew and some did find out through the grapevine, either way, thanks for your prayers and for your understanding on the "why" you haven't heard from us! I wanted to have a "**Grandpa & Grandma with Grandson**" picture for a Christmas card...but that was only in my dreams! There were moments that our daughter in law Tiana would call on FB and let me see Dustin's smile and it would give me the medicine to hang in there and endure the progression of this awful virus. There was a moment that God revealed to me that he was right there and would never leave my side, which gave incredible comfort to my soul!

We are having our youngest son, **Lee, along with his girlfriend** coming to spend Christmas Day with us! We're looking forward to this visit with great anticipation and more than ever rejoice that our King...Jesus...who we celebrate this season is still King, and on His throne! We long for His second coming and to be with Him forevermore!!! To God be the Glory!

We also want to fill you in about what is going on with Kevin and his **new responsibilities** as a regional team leader. In the past couple months I have been able to meet everyone of this newly structured team, either face to face or on Zoom. Everyone is expressing thankfulness and feeling the need of a better sense of fellowship as we working together to make disciples. It has been a joy to bring people together and encourage them as they serve our Lord.

As we communicate with each other, I am seeing **more possibilities for helpful interaction** in ministry. One of these team members is a teacher/pastor/mentor on the Navajo Reservation. He has a training program for people on the reservation that want to prepare themselves better for ministry. Because everything is online these days he has found opportunities to reach out to other tribes as well. He had been feeling a frustration of being the only teacher in this ministry and asked me to come alongside him and teach the book of Titus. My response was WOW, and of course, so I am in the process of preparing that. It probably won't be until January or February, please be praying that God would use me in this effort. We also appreciate your prayers for the various bibles studies we do and our involvement in our church, both of which are going very well.

We pray that you sense His **peace and rest this Christmas!** May His light, fill your every room and especially the gloomy heart that you may be experiencing today...remembering that He can be found by those who diligently seek Him! He keeps every promise and will remain faithful to the end! God bless and keep you!

Thankful for so many things,

Kevin and Lisa Lewis