



Missions
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Letter from Pastor Frieda

Greetings

It is resurrection month and all of us are praying for resurrection in our own situation. It may be for health in our family, finances, relationships, community. We ALL have areas in need of resurrection. We, the pastors and staff at Encounter Church, are praying for you. Remember, you are NOT alone—even if it feels like it. Please email me with prayer needs—or email ECDenver.org. We take your needs seriously and are praying. WE Believe in and serve a MIRACLE working God!

This letter is to thank you for your continued support for our missionaries. **Our missionaries appreciate YOU and need you!** Some of them are in very sad and poor situations. Keep Praying! Here are some of the latest reports.
Happy Resurrection Season!

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Frieda

Email Pastor Frieda



“Like so many, Jana and I found ourselves in the middle of the Covid-19 storm. Jana had left Botswana, Africa for Houston a few weeks before me to attend the M3 Missions Conference and I joined her in Texas on March 9th to fulfill a commitment to speak at the Intense Men’s Conference in Texas. Then the borders into

Jerry and Jana Lacky: Botswana

South Africa closed to all incoming flights from the United States and we had to self-quarantine with our 16 year old daughter, Mmapula, who barely made it into Houston after her school in South Africa closed. Now, thousands of miles separate us from the country of our ministry. Our 15 Village Churches have started meeting in homes on Sundays as a “back to the book of Acts” model to comply with government protocols of no more than 10 people in an assembly during the pandemic, soon to go virtual where possible. We will continue serving the many people in the community with needs. Pray for the 24 babies and children with disabilities at Lorato House Rescue Center to look after! Pray for ongoing Funds that are critical to meeting these needs.

Support Jerry and Jana Lacky



Support Mel Mendoza

Mel Mendoza - Botswana

When I returned from my trip to the Philippines to visit family, things changed very quickly. Botswana went into official lock down this week. Our church has been doing online services on Sunday mornings, and we post a short 10-minute daily devotion the rest of the week. Internet isn't always reliable or available to everyone here, but we believe we are doing what we know to do while respecting government mandates, and we trust God will continue to guide us in how to minister.

We recognize that fear has spread

I am sending out a daily devotional to our youth every week; also doing a short Facebook Live devotional for our youth from our [church Facebook page](#). Pray for continued wisdom in how to minister to our church and community. I want to be ever sensitive and keenly aware of God's assignment for me during this time

more rapidly than the virus itself, and so we endeavor to make sure that God's Word is present and takes precedence in our lives over the constant barrage of negative reports coming at us from all directions. Although the news of what is happening changes from day to day, we are thankful that God is still the same and what He promised us in His Word never ever changes. We intend to be HOPE-dealers even in a time when many people may feel hopeless!



David and Donna Blanchard: Victorious Christian Harvesters

Some changes to their ministry: Teaching on line classes with Bible school students instead of classrooms, food distribution instead of the feeding programs, evangelism invasions postponed to July instead of starting at Easter. David and Donna still crossing the border to Mexico daily to minister and to finish 8 family apartments for students and staff at the Bible school. They are 85% completed; need \$25k to finish. They are in the process of getting a large tent for Miracle Crusades in Nuevo Laredo! They are healthy, their family members are all doing well. What has NOT changed—their calling, vision and zeal for the Harvest!

Support David and Donna Blanchard

Jason and Jenise Burris: USA Campus Ministries



Our Kids in virtual school, doing well and encouraging neighbors to support local businesses. We are helping some churches with technical side of on line streaming. Our ministry is now on line to encourage our leaders, coaches, and athletes who cannot practice. Student ministry is different: more one-on-one Bible studies and prayer. There are new opportunities to reach out to

people not in our usual daily ministry group. We have to find ways to accomplish the training we usually do in summer camps and concerts. Our band lost all bookings for the next few months but we were able to finish a hymn project that will be able to release soon. It includes interludes from famous athletes and speakers and believe it will be a blessing. We pray for God's grace in very situation as we come alongside others. Pray for finances to come in, needs met. (Their funds have dropped about 50%)

Support Jason and Jenise Burris

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