

# Paccha Family News

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*"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7*

Dear Family and Friends,

What a unique time we are living in! At times we find it surprising to think we are facing many of the same issues you are even though we live all the way on the other side of the Equator in the Southern Hemisphere! At the beginning of this pandemic many here in Ecuador were filled with overwhelming fear. Now, the feeling is more uncertainty about what the future holds and how life will be different in the coming years. Clearly ministry has changed for us in similar ways it has changed for you in the States....

## *La Paz de Dios Church*



- Darwin and our other Pastor made a plan to alternate between leading an online church service and leading a weekly Bible Study online. We have been using Facebook Live for these ministries.

- Darwin has made weekly videos to encourage and reach people during this quarantine period. Some of the topics have been fear, death, time management, Jesus' resurrection, and marriage.



- Darwin has been able to work with his normal schedule and go through a back door from our house to church to have a peaceful place to prepare studies and sermons. ☺ While the first few weeks of this quarantine were spent figuring out how to do ministry online, Darwin was later able to start some discipling and counseling online for those seeking help. He also meets weekly with his young adult Bible study group on zoom. He can't even see all the people who are attending there and is surprised during question time to hear from former members of the group who now live in different cities and even some who live in the USA.

## *ἄκουω Academy*

- We have about six weeks left of school! Hopefully we can finish everything in that time! We have been especially thankful for homeschooling during this time as it has also made our life feel almost normal through the quarantine.
- We changed our schedule a little bit to be able to take recess outside as a family a few times a week. The boys have enjoyed their bikes much more, and Darwin and Kirsten get to walk! We are also very thankful we have a backdoor to a school that we are allowed to enter and use for getting some fresh air and exercise.



## *What is life like in Ecuador with Coronavirus Quarantine?*

- We have a curfew of 2pm until 5am.
- We can only drive one day a week based on the last number of our license plate. You cannot drive between cities unless you have a special permit for health reasons. Only with this permit can you travel with one other person to assist you for any medical reason.
- Certain cities will spray down your whole car before you can enter.
- We have seen a truck drive by (only once) spraying the street and sidewalks with who knows what to kill the virus while playing music and repeating phrases emphasizing the need to stay home to save lives and conquering this virus together by staying home.
- We are only supposed to leave for necessary food, medicines, or medical emergencies.
- Only one person can do the shopping, so Darwin has taken over the weekly shopping, while the boys and Kirsten have not left our home (besides the school next door) since March 15<sup>th</sup>!
- To enter the market or grocery store you must be wearing a mask and gloves, you must wait in line with distance between each person of course, and finally you are required to get sprayed with some kind of disinfectant as well as put hand sanitizer on your already gloved hands.
- Large fines and jail time are consequences if you are caught not obeying the rules set up. However, people seem to be tiring of the restrictions, and Darwin notices more people out and about and more traffic on the day he does the shopping.

### *Family*



- Our last outing together as a family was Darwin's birthday in March when we went with his young adult Bible study group to a coffee shop for fellowship, games, and of course coffee! ☺



- We have also been able to use this time to deep clean the house, work in the garden, make some fun videos with the boys, make origami, bake

more, and of course pull out all the legos to build with!

- Our Paccha family is all doing well. Some of the introverts are enjoying this quarantine time while the extroverts are longing to have a family reunion ASAP. ☺

### *Prayers and Praises*

- \*Praise for Salvation
- \*Praise overall good health the last couple months
- \*Praise for a place to be outdoors during this quarantine time
- \*Praise for technology to keep ministering to the church here
- \*Praise for God's omnipotence
- \*Pray for all government leaders
- \*Pray for safety and health during this time of the coronavirus
- \*Pray the government will loosen restrictions so many can return to work

Serving Jesus with you, *Darwin, Kirsten, Daniel, and Nathan Paccha*



# Paths of the Prophets



## DANIEL ISAIAS

What is the coronavirus?  
*It's a sickness that people get if they don't wash their hands well. You can die sometimes from the sickness.*

What does quarantine mean?

*You have to stay home. We can't go outside into the street, but you can stay in your yard.*

What have you been doing these last couple months since you can't leave home?

*Making paper toys, doing school, playing with Legos and K'nex, going outside to the Bilingue School with my bike*

Where do you really want to go when the quarantine is over?

*To Santa Isabel with my cousins and play superheroes*

What are you most thankful for during this time you have stayed home?

*That I have a backyard, now I'm starting to ride my bike with no hands and that I can practice on my bike, and for our neighbors, and that I can spend more time with my family*

What should you pray for during this time?

*That the president will make good decisions, that we can get out sometime, not to worry about it*

Love, Daniel



## NATHAN JEREMIAH

What is the coronavirus?

*It's a sickness that is bad.*

What does quarantine mean?

*To stay inside*

What have you been doing these last

couple months since you can't leave home?  
*Going to the Bilingue School, playing with Legos with my brother, eating*

Where do you really want to go when the quarantine is over?

*To a swimming pool and after the swimming pool I want to go to Santa Isabel.*

What are you most thankful for during this time you have

stayed home?

*My brother, food, and toys*

What should you pray for during this time?  
*That the coronavirus is over 😊*

Love, Nathan

