



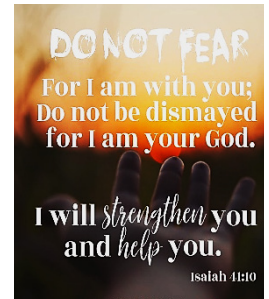
# The Befus Report

## Whirlwind of Change

We have all experienced a lot of change that we have never before lived as we have gone through this pandemic. I often wonder with anticipation, "God, what is up your sleeve? Where does this all lead?" God is sovereign and He is working His plan! Yes!

Just a quick question to ponder: If a virus can more or less stop the world, what will happen to the world at the time of the Rapture when millions of believers are suddenly taken from this land to heaven with all the chaos that will follow?

In the past few months we have had a whirlwind of activity. When we last wrote, we had our ninth and last son attending Grace Christian University, we were content "empty nesters," and we were looking towards 2020 and a new year of service. In just the first two months of 2020, before the outbreak of COVID-19, we went to Panama to work with and encourage our missionaries, Alvaro and Mauren. They live in a very well-positioned neighborhood and have a vision for the future. We visited their neighbors and invited a good group of children, youth, and adults to an evening outreach of fun, food, and evangelism through a movie.



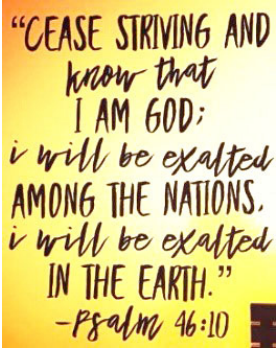
The construction of our new church is a "main need" project and a lot of work is needed. First, there was the laying of the cement floor, and then with the help of Grace Bible Fellowship from Jenison, Michigan, we put up the metal hanger type building in a little over a week.



We were also able to have two large married couples events with 60+ attending. We had activities, food, and a theme that was pertinent, as well as the sharing of the gospel. God was blessing and bringing in many new couples to our church. We were on a roll!



## Cease and Be Still



Suddenly, the order came to stop all activities and stay at home—no more worship services, no more ministries together, no more outreach events, and no more construction. We have yet to meet in our new church building and all work has stopped. The building sits there waiting for the true church to come and meet, celebrate, and worship our God, Our Lord and Savior.



This brings us to our new lifestyle of learning to do ministry from afar. Never in our wildest dreams did Joy and I think we would be “online” doing messages, cooking, and just trying to encourage people from long distances. Each Tuesday we do a live Facebook presentation from our home. At least once a week (sometimes twice a week) we make desserts and go visiting the homes of our church family. We talk at their gates so as not to contaminate and we

ask them about their needs and prayer requests.

For the Sunday services, we tape the service in parts during the week, and then people edit and show the service in their homes. What a different lifestyle!



For us, this time can be slow, boring, and just a bit frustrating because we want things to move, to advance, to be active. But God is working and is in control, and faith calls us to trust and obey.

Keep us in your prayers. We are excited to see what God will do tomorrow! He is at work.

Thank you, God! Keep praying for us! We love you!

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