



in partnership with local churches as they engage in mission

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How do you describe these days? How do we predict what will happen next? What if the virus affects me or my family? Will I have a job at the end of this?

In the face of increasingly desperate news, there are also some great stories of communities banding together to help in any way they can. This is great – but I would like to add to this, I want to remind you that we carry within us the greatest news of all – Jesus - and Now is the time to **speak** His name.

It is imperative that we combine the good works with the faith – that we act Jesus AND speak Jesus.

Through Faith Missions verse for this year is from 1 Peter **“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have”** – it’s incredibly prophetic! Now is the time to offer to pray; Now is the time to speak of the God who holds all things in His hands; Now is the time to speak of God whose love dispels all fear; Now is the time to speak of life in all its fulness – of the life beyond this, of heaven itself.

Through Faith Missions has cancelled the immediate missions and training – but we continue to pray and plan for Light 2020. For now we ask everyone to work locally in their outreach – use our ‘reassurance’ card to reach your neighbours, pray for all church leaders as they try to work within the current restrictions - And when this thing passes – and it will – we will be back, we believe and are praying for Light 2020 to be a new beginning.

We will continue to send out prayer emails – and if you tell us particular needs we are happy to add people and situations to that email and pray with you and for you; and we will continue to post on Facebook.

James 5 reminds us ***“Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy”.***

May God bless you

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