



A walk with Roly and Cristina



April 2020

'It's Friday but Sunday is a Coming!'

I remember this line from a message we heard years ago from Pastor Tony Campolo. I think that it is a message for us all this week and this time in 'God's History' around the world. On that dark Friday when the world stood still, Jesus hung on that cross for each one of us... But on that Sunday morning... He rose from the dead, giving us hope and a future with him. This Corona Virus Friday seems to be lasting longer than any of us were expecting, but Sunday is coming! In the midst of our 'lockdowns' around the world, let's not miss this God given opportunity to reflect on what Jesus did for us on that Friday. So, when Sunday does come, and it will come, we can truly celebrate and shout, He has Risen! For we will then know, with certainty, that we will also one day rise with Him.



As we mentioned in our last letter, we moved out of our home in Tema. That same weekend, on the 1st of March, we started a Candidate Orientation with people from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Cameroon and Ghana. To help with the course, we had trainers lined up from Hong Kong, Finland, New Zealand, and many national Church leaders and Missionaries who are serving here in Ghana.

All started well, but after 2 weeks, the borders around us started to close and lockdown in

the city started to settle in. So, our group has now grown smaller and much, much more intimate. Cristina and I are locked down with 5 candidates in the Accra Mission House, with another ACTS 13 family from Finland/New Zealand living next door, in the same compound.

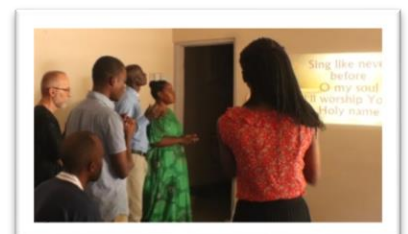


The training and life have continued as one big family: cooking, cleaning, learning, playing and praying together. We have had to rearrange our program as we now only have 2 couples to divide up all the training between us, with

all other trainers being locked out. So, for those who are feeling bored... we are not!

To give you a bit of an idea as to what our days, as a group, look like - here it is:

- Up to 6:30 am** – Personal Devotional time
- 6:30 am** - House cleaning, Laundry (by hand), kitchen prep.
- 7:30 am** - breakfast
- 9:00 am** – Group Worship, Bible Study and Prayer for the nations.
- 10:00 am – 1:30 pm** – Orientation Training
- 2:30 pm** – Mealtime
- 3:30 – 7 pm** – Personal Rest and Study Time
- 7 pm** – Evening Prayer (Global Corona Virus Focus)
- 8 pm** – Evening light meal



But it isn't all work.... we have been enjoying Authentic ethnic meals from all around the globe: Ethiopia, Cameroon, Ghana, Canada, Colombia, China..... and even without a Mexican on sight, here to the right we had a **Taco Night!**



With all the Corona Virus guidelines and need for social distancing issues. Cristina also got out her sewing machine and we all made our own designer African cloth C-19 face masks.



At the present time, here in Ghana, we are under lockdown until the 15th of April, with the good probability of it being extended. All our borders are closed, and only essential services are running.

We will be, officially, finishing our Candidate Orientation Training in 2 weeks. Normally everyone would then either return to their home Churches or move on to their country of service. But everything is on hold; everyone is here until governments open up their borders for people to move.

All in all, all is well, the Lord is providing for all of our needs and molding all of us during this stressful and uncertain time, but we are both very tired and burdened for everyone under our care and responsibility. We covet your prayers during this time.

We also ask you to pray for Christy and Alex as they have been separated from their kids for the past month. Christy went with Alex to Canada at the beginning of March for a short trip to process Alex's landed immigrant papers. The 3 kids stayed with friends and their Nannie in Equatorial Guinea. When they were just about to return, the President of Equatorial Guinea closed the borders, canceling all incoming flights to the country. Although Sasha, Zoe and Daniel are well and in good hands, we desperately pray for the family to be reunited soon.

Up-Coming Events – Pray for us as we wait on the Lord - Everything is either on hold or canceled

- Not sure when we will be going to Canada for our planned holiday
- All our ministry trips and trainings for 2020 are on hold

It looks like God has us just where he wants us; waiting on him and trusting in Him day by day.

P.S. Check out our new ACTS13 Newsletter: **Check the link!** https://bit.ly/acts13africa_Apr20

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