

EQUIPPERS GROUP INTERNATIONAL

Equipping for the Christian journey

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Dear Friends & Family,

As it says in 2 Tim 3:1-4. In the last days difficult times will come. I believe we can all agree 2020 has been a time of "difficult days". BUT we need to look at things, not with temporal eyes but eternal eyes. Jesus told us in John 14:1 – "Don't let your hearts be troubled… "And the great news during this time is <u>Jesus has overcome the World.</u>

What an opportunity to let our lights and faith shine. We are to be:

>Ambassadors for Christ > A royal Priesthood > Agents of Peace and Hope

We were to have been the guests speakers in the Philippines in August for CNCC's 36th Anniversary of the churches we started there – but then COVID-19..... The 20 minute video about "the times" is posted on our website www.equippersgroup.org. Look for CNCC 36th Anniversary Message.

As far as EGI and ministry: In the Philippines training in the EGI materials has brought growth in their leadership and more outreaches. In Zambia, training is done one of one. In Guatemala a new partnership is developing where we will be doing some teaching on Zoom and hopefully (if Covid allows) going there soon. We have continued all through the Covid doing "driveway meetings" and ministry to individuals or families Unfortunately, pain, problems and trials haven't taken a vacation with Covid, so ministry goes on.

When our close friend of 40 years passed away in February her husband and family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to EGI. Marge King was on EGI's first Board of Directors and she and Dale had been supporters of our ministry since the beginning. When we heard that CNCC, was starting a new mission outreach to other parts of the Philippines and had a 5 year plan we checked with Dale about her Memorial Fund going to that and he said he thought Margie would really like that. So the Marge King Memorial will help bring the light of the gospel to more places that are sitting in darkness.

During this Christmas season let us be reminded in Luke 1:78-79 why Jesus came;

Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Even though everyone's mobility and fellowship together has been impeded, Satan cannot break our bond in Christ Jesus. Our prayer is for your safety & blessing and may you prosper in 2021.

Merry Christmas and blessed New Year. Love in Christ,

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