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News from the Tyas family Serving in WA among the Hispanic community May 2020

From the Notes of Ed and Gerry...

ENCOURAGEMENT



Ed and Gerry Tyas

That is our theme for the month of May. Our life has been greatly simplified by this time in history. We have discovered that everyone we have connection with during these days are more open to talking about serious things or can we say ...just talking. Whether it is in our home (meaning family...<sup>(3)</sup>), through a text, or phone call or someone we should have a short encounter with at the bank drive up or when buying groceries.

The local food bank is operating and Gerry goes there to volunteer once a week. A church nearby sends a team there for extra help in doing curbside pick-up. They have had many more families coming in with needs and being helped. A church in our area is handing out Saturday and Sunday curbside breakfasts. All are looking for creative ways to encourage others while maintaining the required caution.

We are home a lot these days and learning to more fully utilize online resources. Our sons, William and Douglas, are working online. William has been helping an organization working with Bible translation for the deaf community in their development of an online program. He commented recently that the deaf community was having problems with the face masks that we use currently because it made it impossible to read lips. Someone was thinking of making clear coverings or the clear shields. Great idea we thought. He heard this on a TV program. Douglas has been working online here to finish his classes at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He will be a 2020 Graduate with a BA in Bible and Theology by the time you receive this letter.



We were looking for a way to encourage the families we have been working with before the "Stay home...Stay safe order." Living at Ed's homestead we have beautiful and very developed outdoors. The lilac trees are in full bloom and just beautiful. We made up bouquets and delivered them secretly as a porch drop off to these families on May 1.

On the bouquet was a note that said that we missed them and were praying for them. On the way back we went through a fast food drive thru and the lady at the window commented on the two extra bouquets we had in the back seat. Gerry asked if she would like one and she gladly accepted.

This summer might have a different look. We pray for wisdom as the Lord leads us in creative ways. We hope that you are well. We would welcome your prayer requests also. We thank you for your interest in our lives and ministry.

In His Care,

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