

## WALKING IN THEIR SHOES ----- UPDATE

WHY SO NEGATIVE?      God hasn't left us!

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PLEASE – RIGHT NOW.... GIVE A BIG SMILE! Thank you.

Thursday 3/19/20 8:51 AM

I am back home. Safe.

I am smiling but you cannot see it because I am wearing a face mask.

I traded my sleeping on airport benches and curled up in an airplane seat, for the couch at home. They tell me to wait at least 4 days to see if I have picked up the "virus". Carolyn and I touched elbows when I came home. Really romantic!

In the meantime, I have to protect others by wearing an emotionless face mask

I often watch people coming into the plane – When I smile, I often get a smile back. Now they can't see what I look like. (Why not make face masks with smiling faces?)

Where have I been? Spending some time in Asian cities – more time in almost empty airports. Even when I came back to the U.S., Detroit airport at 5 PM looked like a 3 AM scene.

Don't feel sorry for me! I wouldn't have traded this time for anything. I had great times with missionaries who were struggling with work, family and personal life issues. The Lord sat with us and we prayed and smiled as HE brought resolution.

Thanks for your encouragement and prayerful support. Lee (and Carolyn) Baas

Proverbs 3: 5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your path."

## UPDATE FROM WITS (Walking In Their Shoes) International

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Friday 3/20/20 3:31 PM

As I was traveling in both Asia and the U.S., last week, I was painfully aware of the "distancing" posture and attitude that was prevalent. The news media threw out constant reminders to stay away from others. All of us were challenged because of the encroaching Coronavirus pandemic to move away from each other. We wanted to do everything possible to avoid contamination. That was not bad.

I just read an article with the title "**Coronavirus is a test for the government. But it is a test for us too.**" Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky. wrote, "One of the brand-new terms that has entered our daily conversation is "social distancing." It is shorthand, as we know very well, for the practical physical precautions that we all must take in order to protect ourselves and others. But I'd humbly suggest that we use the term itself sparingly, if at all. Language is a powerful shaper of thinking. And **the very last thing we need right now, is a mindset of mutual distancing. We actually need to be thinking in the exact opposite way: Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise** (bold emphasis mine - lwb)."

Comments?      Suggestions?

**Eph 4:2, "Be completely humble and gentle, be patient bearing with one another in love."**

(Thanks for the comments on what I wrote yesterday) Lee Baas