

# How can I walk in their shoes when my shoes are nailed to my office floor?

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Who could have guessed? A virus that stopped us in our tracks?

As of right now,

- 4,275,508 cases of coronavirus in the world
- 287,670 people in the world have died of the virus
- 1,536,767 people have recovered from the virus.

And - - we thought that we could pretty well handle everything. Yes, that included things that effect our health and welfare

This morning I noticed two magazines on my desk. One highlighted "Wealth Management" and the other, "Maintaining good health." They both were written before our "virus" attack and neither gave good answers to the situation we are in today.

IS GOD DEAD?" Does He care about us struggling with stay at home restrictions, face masks, loss of the job that we "knew" was secure. staying six feet away from others, worrying (a little?) about whether we will be a victim

**In a Newsletter I sent out in November of last year, I related my conversation with a young lady.**

***She said, "I am so afraid. I rarely have a night when I can sleep for more than a few hours without waking up in fear. I try to go back to sleep but I am afraid that I might not wake up if I go to sleep. Sometimes I feel that I don't want to wake up if I go to sleep because I don't want to face a new day."***

After that quote, I noted in that newsletter, "Can any of you relate to that kind of feeling? Afraid of what lies ahead? Afraid of what the new day might bring? Or afraid that you might not wake up and you wonder if God will accept you?"

Fast forward to today and it sounds like what I have heard this past month and the fear and unknown of the months (year) ahead. Of us.

I am only able to contact missionaries through electronic media. My computer programs are a blessing and some people can be reached through overseas phone lines. I am happy that I have that contact but it is not the same as being there where they work and where they struggle with day to day decisions. And the worry that I mentioned above is now a regular experience for many.

But God isn't dead, and God does care.

A number of missionaries whom I chatted with on conference calls, related special ways in which God has supplied opportunities for them to be servants to people that they had not been able to reach in the past. Some of them have related that they would like to know more about the Bible and have asked about Bible studies.

God is using this time of lock down to open doors that were shut.

Look around you and see God's goodness. Morning still follows evening, and summer follows winter. God's love is new every morning. Great is His faithfulness.

Join us in prayer that methods of treating virus patients and vaccines will soon be developed. May we be reminded that We have so little control over things in this world, but we can look past this world into a very bright forever.

Thanks for your prayers and love,  
Lee and Carolyn Baas