

Dear Pastor or Mission Leader,

We all find ourselves this spring and summer living through very uncertain times. As followers of Jesus Christ, sometimes the best response we can give in the face of overwhelming unknowns is to take the time to remember how each of us has experienced and known God's faithfulness in the past.

As I think about International Ministries, the first thought that comes to my mind is how our 206 years of continued participation in the mission of God has only been possible because of God's faithfulness to us. God has been faithful in allowing us to serve him through two world wars, the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, 9/11, the 2008 recession, and so many other times of distress, upheaval, and loss around the world.

In each of these crises, it was not always obvious what God was up to or where God's hand was at work. In John 11, when Jesus reaches the tomb of Lazarus and meets Mary and Martha after Lazarus' death, the sisters are both saddened by the fact that "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Yet, even in this sad statement, there is a clear expression of trust and hope in Jesus.

My prayer is that this letter finds you in a place where you are able to trust Jesus to make clear in God's time the things that perplex you.

This year's World Mission Offering theme is "I once was blind, but now I see." We are seeing God at work in so many hopeful and encouraging ways through our global servants and global partners. And we are sharing some of those stories with you and your church this September and October through videos, bulletin inserts, and other resources so you can see the impact you are having on global mission. **Your participation now more than ever will help global servants and partners rebuild and re-establish ministries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and crisis.** We have created a downloadable document (available at www.worldmissionoffering.org) to offer you specific ideas on how to use our materials, whether your church will be meeting in person or virtually in September.

When confronted with uncertainty, we as Christians have the opportunity to respond with faith in Jesus. I urge you to consider prayerfully how your faithful giving and prayers could be used by God at this moment to impact the lives of many in need of him around the world today... until it is on earth as it is in heaven.

Gratefully,



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