

March 23, 2020

Dear Partners in Mission,

As Covid-19 continues to spread throughout the world, we wanted to update you on how the virus is affecting our ministry with Resonate Global Mission and thank you for your ongoing support. Your prayer, care, and financial support is more precious than ever before during this stressful and anxious time.

The rapidly spreading nature and the global reach of the COVID-19 crisis greatly affects an organization like Resonate. We rely on travel, one-on-one meetings, and small and large group gatherings to do our work. For the health and safety of Resonate staff and the communities we serve, we have cancelled or postponed many meetings, trips, trainings, events, and other gatherings for the next six-to-eight weeks. The CRCNA has suspended all international and domestic travel, and missionary deputations in Canada and the United States are on hold. This will be reassessed on June 1.

This does not mean, however, that ministry stops. God is still at work.

We are adapting to COVID-19 and finding new ways to meet the needs of our communities. Though things change day by day, and sometimes even hour by hour, you can read more about how Resonate ministry is adapting to the coronavirus pandemic online at resonateglobalmission.org/covid19. Despite some ministry losses, we have new opportunities to share the love of Christ—especially with those who are longing for the peace, hope, and stability that only Christ provides.

Here's a glimpse of what our ministry looks like right now:

- We are presently in the Chicago area. Victoria arrived in the USA on March 8. She came to assist our daughter Joy who had surgery on March 12. Joy is recovering well and is back to work. Thank you for your prayers for her. Mike was scheduled to join Victoria in the USA on March 26, but as travel restrictions were being put in place Mike asked for permission from mission leadership to travel to the USA sooner so that he wouldn't be separated from Victoria for a long period of time. Mike was able to fly to the USA on March 17, and so we are both enduring shelter in place in Woodridge, IL.
- We are still hoping to visit our supporting churches in Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and Michigan this spring and summer, but all those plans are on hold right now. Mike has two Hausa translation projects that he is working on now as well as preparing a video to show to our supporting churches.

Our world needs the grace, hope, and love of Christ now more than ever, and we are dedicated to serving our communities through COVID-19, and your partnership in our ministry is critical right now. You can help right here and right now with your ongoing care, prayer, and financial support as we find creative ways to continue spreading the gospel. We can't do this without you.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support. Please continue to pray for us, Resonate ministry, and the people we minister with—and let us know how we can pray for you, your church, and your community.

God's Blessings,
Mike & Victoria Van Der Dyke