

# The Trumpet Call July 2020

"...IF THE TRUMPET DOES NOT SOUND A CLEAR CALL, WHO WILL GET READY FOR BATTLE?" 1 Corinthians 14:8

Dear Family and Friends,

It has certainly been a remarkable year, and one the whole world will not forget anytime soon. From our perspective, this year could be titled, "The Year The World Went Nuts." We were not alive during either of the World Wars; perhaps there were similar feelings for the countries engaged in those. But in our lifetimes we have not seen such fear and uncertainty grip the large majority of the countries of the world—with very few exceptions. Perhaps this is an opportune time to breathe back into the situation the indomitable hope we have in Christ Jesus!

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

Throughout history it has been Jesus Followers who have, despite whatever fear they may have had, reached out to those in need. Regardless of personal risk and danger they have stood up and said, "We will do what Jesus has called us to do for others in His name." We thought it would be good not to focus on the fears surrounding COVID-19, but instead to share real life stories from around the world—of hope and faith in the midst of uncertainty. These people are reaching out, distributing food and clothing at personal and family risk in order for people to know that there is a God who hears and sees. *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."* ~James 1:22-25 (ESV)

Let's start with 'A' (no names for their own protection) in North East India. 'A'—along with his wife and two daughters—have been involved in distributing food and clothing to the many poor people in their area throughout the government lockdown. Or 'S,' in North Central India and Nepal, personally leading groups of people (at their own expense) to give food to those in need—traveling across country borders and moving about despite government lockdowns and risk to personal health. 'N' in Sri Lanka, leading teams through their ministry to feed those who are without jobs and have no food. We could go on and talk about 'J' in Uganda, 'A' in Kenya, 'S' in Nigeria, 'J' in the Philippines, 'C' in Nepal, 'E' in Argentina, 'M' in Peru, and on and on...people we're in touch with weekly. All of them have clearly decided in their hearts that it is worth the personal risk in order to be a testimony to Jesus in these difficult times of great opportunity. Sadly, we know of others who've chosen to live in fear, stay inside in "safety," & disregard the suffering and human need. Many have no clear sense of how to help. Some live with people who could be put at risk if others in the house go out; we understand that the situation we all find ourselves in is complex. Yet, we feel challenged to not "shrink back in fear," or allow it to govern our lives, but rather to trust/obey God.

By His grace, working through your generosity, our response to these days is to remain,

Standing in the gap, *Tim, Heidi, Annaliesa, and Ty* :)

**www.SERVED.ngo.** If any of you would like to make a financial contribution, or support us monthly, you may do so by **sending your check to SERVED: 19225 Bothell-Everette Hwy; Bothell, WA 98012. On the check memo line, pls. write: for Tim and Heidi Sullivan. How grateful we are to you for your gifts!!**



## Praise and Prayer

**\*Praise** - for the people God is raising up in these days who trust Him and take Him at His Word—willing to risk for Jesus name and show mercy to many.

**\*Praise** - for opportunities we have to minister God's peace to fearful people in these troubled times.

**\*Praise** - for the things getting done around the house in these days.

**\*Please pray** - for the much needed funds to come in for the projects in Kenya and Uganda.

**\*Please pray** - that the ministries of SERVED would be effective, and honor Him, and for opportunities to accurately represent HIM to those being served.

**\*Please pray** - for wisdom regarding ministries SERVED could come alongside in the future.

**~~THANK YOU!!~~**

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As already discussed, the COVID-19 situation has changed many things for the entire world. As much as it has impacted us in the U.S. and the West as a whole, it has been devastating for the peoples in lands that live in poverty, and barely survive hand-to-mouth, all the time. The people we are attempting to help are hanging on by a thread in good economic times, and this is with every able-bodied family member working in some way to help bring in finances...often eating only one meal per day, if that. With these places being on lockdown from COVID-19 as well, the resultant economic wave is creating devastating havoc, and could potentially cause even greater living disparity for quite some time to come.

Whether it is now, or when the “stay at home” orders are lifted and the overall economic outcomes are revealed, **we would ask you to pray with us** *\*\*that the Lord would provide for these dear people; \*\**that He would guide you as to how you might serve as a part of their solution. Below are the current stats as to where the fundraising is in regards to each project. Both have had some response; ie, approx. 1/4-1/2 of the funds needed have come in. :) **Please pray with us** for **\*\*God to graciously raise the full amount for each project.**

The outstanding amounts needed are:

**Mombasa, Kenya**—Pastor Alex: \$54,500 USD (a much larger project, engaging four different slum areas)

**Kasese, Uganda**—Pastor John: \$3,200 USD

If you feel God leading you to participate in either the Kenyan or the Ugandan project, please go online and donate to SERVED.ngo, under “General Fund.” Or, you may send a check to SERVED, at 19225 Bothell-Everette Hwy; Bothell, WA 98012—writing the specific project on the memo line.

As always, your gracious gifts are **tax-deductible**. We ***truly appreciate*** your generosity and prayers!!



**Left:** food distribution in India

**Right:** homes, gardens, and even some people... washed away in Ugandan monsoon rains.



Clearly, the global situation is *very* different from ours; grateful—but moved to be doers in Jesus’ name. We’ve been meeting with other

believers, hungry to “not neglect meeting together...& all the more” :)

## Family News

**Left:** Despite so many restrictions during COVID-19, we were able to travel without any problems to visit Cameron & Elya and precious little Jackson in Austin! :)

**Below, left:** Annaliesa dressed to work with patients who are either being tested, or are positive, for COVID-19.

**Below, right:** the COVID-19 mask modeling...actually completely ineffective at blocking out viruses—as stated on the N-95 mask package—but...

We are well-aware of the divergent opinions current day events have created in our culture. We pray that by sharing the hopeful stories of some believers in even more desperate situations, it might embolden us and give us greater courage and **trust** to rise up beyond the fears, step out, and do what we feel HE is leading us to do for HIS glory. “Your name and renown are the desires of our souls...” ~Isaiah 26:8. ***May it be so!!***



