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"The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all."

Psalms 34:19

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Dear Friends of Missions,

Wherever you are, please know that we are praying for you in the midst of this worldwide crisis! I heard a teaching recently online regarding the life of Job. The minister shared how God gave Satan permission to test Job's faith. Job lost absolutely everything, but at the end God doubly rewarded him. It is nice to know that God orchestrates our lives and nothing happens without His approval. As James reminds us, our trials come to teach us patience. We can trust in Him to get through whatever comes our way knowing that He is in control!

On several levels living in Guayaquil has always been a challenge, but this crisis has added its own dilemmas. We have been under quarantine now almost two months having been extended now more than once. Guayaquil, the most populated city of Ecuador, was greatly infected with Covid-19. The latest figures reveal more than 22,000 infested and 600 deaths, but there is evidence to show more than 1000 fatalities. The BBC reported that authorities have been unable to keep up with the huge rise of the deceased, leaving corpses wrapped in sheets in family homes and even in the streets. Last week, they began distributing thousands of cardboard coffins in Guayaquil. Hospitals and clinics can't handle the great increase of patients. In addition, many Ecuadorian have been out of work for more than a month now, and are feeling the effects of the economic implications. A large amount of families live day to day on a minimal salary. Ecuador, who was already in a recession with many unemployed, will struggle to get back on its feet again. Also, as in around the world, our churches have been temporarily closed due to social distancing, but many Christian leaders and pastors are preaching live in their neighborhoods on the street and are already organizing food drives as well to help the needy.





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"The way you store up treasure in heaven is by investing in getting people there."

— Rick Warren

As the director of New Generation Foundation, I have developed a values oriented evangelistic kid's internet program, "**Story Zone**" that I have been promoting on Facebook for the last month. Through this endeavor I have been able to connect with children and their families around the world, offering joy and hope in the midst of the Covid-19 tragedy. At the same time, we are developing our YouTube channel with the episodes of the program with the desire of turning this project into a continual series. In addition, we have begun to present as a group once a month on **RedTVE**, an online Christian channel in a program called, "The Wonderful World of Children". Our YouTube channel link is: www.youtube.com/therilynnsantos

Furthermore, at the end of February, we held a free training for those who desire to open a children's cell group. We trained more than 80 leaders and provided them materials to use in their **Generation Alpha Club**. We trust the Lord to guide us in using this tool to reach children when the sanitary crisis has improved.



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