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Hello friends,

Well, it's been a season hasn't it, and we're not all the way through it yet either. I kept waiting for things to change a bit so we could give you an update that doesn't just look back but also shows the way forward. I don't think we're quite there yet but let me share where things are at.

The middle of March things changed quite dramatically for us. At that time correctional facilities closed their doors, and rightly so, to all volunteers for the foreseeable future. So all the chapels and visits we were doing were stopped and continue to be stopped.

In His grace, God had previously opened that big door to the meditation booklets in prisons and recovery centers etc. and with the mail service continuing, each month we are still distributing about 2500 copies. We've obviously stopped sending booklets to churches and outreach centers where people are no longer gathering. It was interesting though to speak to one pastor who told me how instead of their lunch program inside the church, they are handing out bagged lunches and they have literature displayed on a table outside within reach of anyone who wants it. So, they asked that we continue with the monthly supply we are sending.

A recent email from a correctional facility chaplain said this:

Hi Elsie, On behalf of \_\_\_\_ Chaplaincy and our inmates, we'd like to give you biggest hugs and prayers for sending us your monthly devotionals! They are super popular and the inmates love them. I always get a lot of positive feedback from them and they are always highly anticipated every month! God bless! Philemon 4-7

We're always thrilled to hear from people who have been in non-Christian treatment centers. We've had emails from women from two different centers about how they've been reading the meditations each day and now that they are going on their own, they want their own copies.

We are willing to mail copies of these booklets to you as well. Just ask us and we'll get them in the mail. Each meditation is available online each day at: [www.pihtoday.blogspot.com](http://www.pihtoday.blogspot.com)

As we prayed about how to continue sharing a message of hope with others the thought came, and we believe it was from the Lord, that we should begin to post prayers that comforted, supported, and encouraged people during this stressful time. The first few days we just posted text and some images. Then the thought came to incorporate a video and so we began to do that. Since mid-March we have daily posted a video with a simple reference to God's word and a prayer. We've linked our prayers to the "news of the day" and sought to turn eyes up to Jesus who hasn't lost control during the time of the pandemic.

The response has been quite surprising and gratifying. We try to get a link posted on Facebook every day (sometimes on Twitter and Instagram) but here's where you can find those videos.

Video and text: [www.pihprayer.blogspot.com](http://www.pihprayer.blogspot.com)

Video: YouTube Channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEE8tGSPVII4\\_FNIKwkoI6g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEE8tGSPVII4_FNIKwkoI6g)

You can simply type in the words "PiH Prayer" in the YouTube search and you'll find us.

Not only are folks joining us from United States and Canada as you would expect, but also from the UK, Nigeria, France, Kenya, South Africa, Germany, India, Portugal, Ghana, Spain, Argentina ... and the list goes on.

You can help us make these blogs go even further if you would do something as simple as log onto the YouTube channel and subscribe to our channel. This doesn't clutter up your email box or anything like that. It simply makes our content move up your list when you search Youtube. What it also does is move that content up on everyone else's list as the more popular a site, the higher in the search engine it goes.

So, where are we at today? We are seeking to be faithful. It's been more work, as you can imagine to do simple things like print and package and mail the meditation booklets each month so that's several days in the month. (It looks like we'll have some volunteer help starting again this month!!!) Evelyn and Elsie continue to write, edit, and produce the booklets. Alayne posts the meditations on the blog, records and posts the audio, and adds graphics. Elsie writes, records, and posts the videos. And thankfully, God does the rest.

We give thanks for the hundreds that read God's word and the meditations each day in print. We give thanks for the hundreds more who dial into the blogs to read and pray with us. May we together shine the light of God's wonderful truth to a world that has been hammered with fear and disease and in recent times, the horror of the exposing of systemic racism. God has not lost control. God is not absent or powerless. God is very much with us with a work for us to do today that will bless others and give us deep satisfaction.

We need your prayers for ongoing insight into God's word and the ability to make it clear for the many who have little or no background in the Bible, and for those who are just maybe thinking about what it could mean for them to turn their will and their life over to the care of God

Thank you for the ways you support us in prayer and financially. These are obviously challenging times in the area of donations as well, but we have a God who supplies all our needs.

As things re-open for in person ministry, we'll let you know. We pray blessing on you as you go through this season as well. May God make all of us fruitful ministers of His grace in our families, our neighbours, our colleagues, and whoever we "bump into 2 meters apart!!"

Sincerely  
Elsie Quick

P.S. We know there are many worthy causes to which you can direct your charitable giving. We'd love to be considered as you prayerfully respond to God's direction in your giving. Any gift is appreciated in any amount. Monthly planned giving is so helpful for us as we plan and move forward.

You can find several giving options (credit card, debit authorization, e-mail or text transfer from your bank, cheque) at: <http://www.partnersinhope.ca/contact-us/giving-hope/>