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Dear Brothers,

We are writing to you today, Wednesday, March 25, on our eleventh day of confinement. A week ago, the State decreed the state of alarm here in Spain and we cannot leave the house except to buy food or go to the pharmacy. The streets are practically deserted and only the people who can continue working come out.

Today in Spain there are more than 47,000 infected and more than 3,400 dead. The Government has extended this confinement for another fifteen days, therefore, we will have to be home until April 11, although most likely, they will extend it again.

We are in good health and the people of the church too, thank God. For Teo, it is a little more difficult, since he does not understand why he should stay home when he would like to continue with his routines and go to the park, nonetheless, we have to make an effort and use the ingenuity to keep him entertained.

We also have a 16-year-old believing Brazilian girl named Viviam with us. She came to Spain with a study grant for four months and we have welcomed her in our house, but yesterday her Government decided to repatriate all the students and she'll go back on Friday. It's all been very sudden and we're very sad. She is a very nice girl and she is grateful to have been able to be with us during this time. As for the church, Manuel continues to preach Sundays from home using social networks. We also do a morning devotional every day reading a comment from J.C. Ryle on the Gospels, which we share not only with the church, but also with non-believing friends and contacts. To our surprise, people are much more sensitive right now, and they welcome it.

We are concerned about older people in the church and the members who go out to work daily and we try to keep in touch daily with members of the church.

The truth is that we do not know very well what is going to happen after this crisis. A few days before all this happened we had a buyer for our apartment who seems to be still interested, but now everything is paralyzed.

As for the economy of our small congregation, we hope that this time does not last too long, because in the general fund of the church we have enough for a few months and we must continue paying the rent, water and electricity. We are expecting to receive aid from the Netherlands, but that has not yet arrived.

We would like to be able to continue using the radio right now, especially as we can be more relevant with our messages, but the contract ended this month and we are still waiting for help to renew it.

Please pray for:

- The older members of the congregation: our sister Julia, who is in a nursing home and many of these homes have been severely affected by the virus. For Teresa, who is living with her family. And for Jovita, who lives with her grandson who has serious problems with addictions and does not respect confinement.
- For those who work: Francisco, driving a truck travelling in Europe and his wife Carmen, who cares for an elderly man, whose wife is a nurse in the Hospital and is in contact with the infected. Luciano, our deacon and his wife Belén, go out to work every day.
- For those who have had to stop working due to the closure of their companies and may have problems paying their rent.
- For preaching and devotionals, so that they may build and encourage the church in these difficult times, and that all those who are receiving them and who are not believers may know the Lord personally.
- For the pastoral family, so that we can keep our spirits up and seek new ways of serving the church and the community from our home. Please pray, especially for Teo, that all this time will be as easy and bearable as possible.
- For Viviam, so the Lord works in her life, strengthening and solidifying her faith, and to have a safe journey back.
- For the renewal of the radio program and that the Lord will give us wisdom to make the appropriate messages for this situation we are experiencing.

Yours in His grace,

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