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Dear Friends,

Hi everyone. We find ourselves in similar conditions as many other countries with tight restrictions and closedowns. The Paraguayan Government has imposed strict restrictions in order to slowdown the spread of Corona virus Covid-19. So, we are very much restricted in our travel, having suspended our trips to the Chaco to visit the Communities as we usually do. A couple of weeks back we had a trip planned to the three communities we do the Bible studies in. The day before we were due to set off the Government sent out a decree banning the grouping of people and meetings. We also have followed that as a Diocese, this was reinforced by the Archbishop of the Southern Cone diocese, the Right Reverend Greg Venables.

WE obviously had to inform the brethren in the Communities who were expecting us. Fortunately most settlements have FM radios and we use this to send out the information of our intended activities. It wasn't a particularly easy thing to explain to them, as there hadn't been anything like it before. The schools are all shut down and this has helped them understand. I get regular phone calls from our pastors asking how we are and so I can inform them of the latest developments. They listen to the National radio news; however they like to ask questions. This morning one person asked after the ex-missionaries back in the UK, the indigenous congregations always pray for them and us as well. I have a pack of the structure that I am due to erect in the Community of Caroa'i. This pack is sat in our front garden. This is a barn type structure which we first erect and then close it in with the brickwork and windows and doors. This will serve as their Chapel or meeting house. So when we are given the ok to move again I will hire an articulated lorry to transport it and all the other building materials needed.

So, in the meantime we are fairly much restricted to our houses. As the phrase goes, "stay at home". The cell phone has proved valuable for encouraging the congregations. I don't think we can do video services just yet! We enjoyed the All Souls service yesterday.

Alison is still busy with online schooling. . It has been a steep learning curve but she is coping ok. She is now teaching at Asuncion Christian Academy, where she used to teach before San Andres. Most of the students are working hard and giving in work. It is good to have communication with them.

The in house pets are enjoying having us at home all the time. They can't quite think what has happened. The horse we hear is doing ok but we haven't seen him for a week.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Chris and Alison.

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