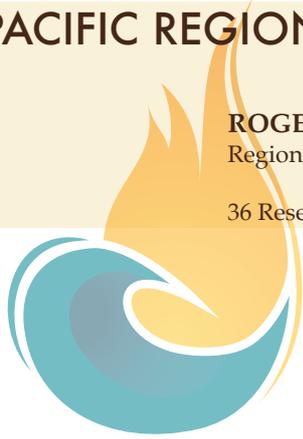


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To Our Missionaries and National Leaders of the Pacific Region,

I greet you in the Name of Jesus this 2020 Easter week.

You have been in our thoughts and prayers daily, especially during this global pandemic as we know that most of you are dealing with the unprecedented needs of your families, your congregations and your communities.

All hope was SEEMINGLY lost to the followers of Jesus that very first EASTER week. In Luke 22:54 we find Peter 'social distancing' himself from Jesus as he followed 'afar off.' The words spoken by the Master to His disciples at the very first Lord's Supper just prior to the cross, "*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not,*" appeared to have been so quickly forgotten.

As the crowd sat down and watched him there, three last words of Jesus' were uttered as he bowed his head, "*It is finished.*" However, only thirteen verses later, '*when it was yet dark,*' Mary Magdalene '*seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.*' Weeping, Mary stooped down and looked into the sepulchre. Her tearstained eyes see two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had lain. She turned around, and there she saw Jesus standing.

He lives! Hope is not lost! All throughout history, His people have cried out to Him '*in the darkest of nights.*' The resurrected Christ gave them hope, despite incredible obstacles. There are people in desperate situations and who are in desperate need. As you minister to your congregations and beyond via technology this weekend, may your voices confidently proclaim His message of hope, a hope for today and a hope well beyond this earthly life!

As I write this letter, Tonga is being battered by Category 4 Cyclone Harold. Many in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji are left without homes, flooding, and no power. Let's join in prayer for our brothers and sisters who are presently suffering such loss while also coping with the threat of COVID19.

Time and time again, you, the beautiful people of the Pacific, show the world your resiliency, your strength, and your trust in God. Through natural disasters, your unfailing faith causes you to rise up again and work while it is yet day.

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My wife and I have been closely monitoring the COVID19 cases throughout our Region, nation by nation. We have specifically been praying for our missionaries, our national leaders and respective governments for God's hand upon you as we all pray and do what we can to put an end to this crisis.

We thank God for ZERO cases of COVID19 in the following Pacific nations:

Kiribati / Marshall Islands / Micronesia / Nauru / Palau / Samoa's /
Solomon Islands / Tonga / Tuvalu / Vanuatu

Please join us in prayer support for the following Pacific nations (as of April 8):

Australia: 5,895 cases
Malaysia: 3,963
Philippines: 3,764
Indonesia: 2,738
Singapore: 1,481
New Zealand: 1,160
Brunei: 135
Guam: 121
French Polynesia: 47
New Caledonia: 18
Fiji: 15
Mariana Islands: 6
Papua New Guinea: 2
Timor-Leste: 1

Resurrection is what our world desperately needs! With the transformational power of God working in us and through us, may we boldly proclaim the Gospel, the Good News, offering a broken and hurting world new life and hope in Him!

God bless you each one. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to let us know. We thank God for you, for your faithfulness, for your leadership, as well as for your friendship.

Sincerely,

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