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Foreword

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am sure that you, like me, are longing for the restrictions being placed on us to be lifted and that we can again go to church and be with our loved ones. As I write this article there are signs that the number of Coronavirus cases are slowly reducing, and a limited easing of restrictions is taking place. Some countries in Europe, including Germany, are ahead of the UK and Ireland and churches are being

opened. However, even where those congregations are returning to their churches, this is being done with great caution and with many limitations to ensure the safety of those attending and to comply with new regulations.

For us in the UK and Ireland, we still need to be patient as we are not yet at this stage. We will therefore continue with the online divine services until further notice. The trustees are, in the meantime, monitoring Government advice and reviewing the many health and safety requirements that will need to be in place before any further steps towards a return to church can be taken.

The many acts of kindness across the congregations and districts have been a great source of comfort and strength to us during this time and a silver-lining of this episode has been the significant increase in attendance to the divine services, devotionals and activities.

This demonstrates that we have a living, not a passive faith. It shows the desire

we all have to worship God and to have fellowship with another. When this has been challenged, we have found ways to overcome obstacles and continue in oneness and faith. I'm reminded of the two friends in the Old Testament, Jonathan and David. When their friendship was put under pressure by Jonathan's father, King Saul, Jonathan made a vow with David that he would help him first but in return he asked David to show kindness not just to him, but to his family and also that David should do that forever, (1, Sam 20:14-15).

I am sure that as the weeks go by, we will continue to show kindness at the same high level as it is being shown now. Let us continue to help and support each other through this difficult time whenever and wherever we can.

With love and greetings

David Heynes

Ireland

Sister Cheryl Tango of Trim Ireland.

My husband Colin and I both work in a nursing home as health care assistants, where we take care of elderly residents who have dementia and other mental health issues.

We were both tested positive with the virus, which at the time was very frightening as we both have underlying health issues. We share our home with our son and our two grandchildren so had to isolate in our bedroom, which was difficult and had an affect our mental well-being. My symptoms were not as severe as Colin's, who was coughing badly and had breathing difficulties. When it got to the point that he started coughing up blood I finally was able to persuade him to go to

hospital. His oxygen levels were low, and his lungs damaged from all the coughing. Thankfully though, with the oxygen provided at the hospital he didn't need ventilation and started to recover. During this time, it was hard for me to sleep as I worried about what the future might hold in store.

We are very grateful to our family in Europe and in South Africa for praying for us sending and well wishes every day >



> and reminding us to keep faith. When I looked out of my bedroom at night, I saw a star in the sky which was in direct line with my window almost as if it was watching over us. I actually used to talk to this star, greeting it and thanking it for watching over us. We are also thankful to our District Elder Jan Clement who called us every day to pray with us and to our Bishop David Middleton, for the morning online fellowship and prayer meetings we have been able to join.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during this trying time. I thank our heavenly Father for the blessings and protection.

I received a copy of this lovely psalm which I would like to share with you.



Cheryl and Colin Tango

Introduction

My contribution to the fight against Covid-19.

With the hustle-and-bustle of daily 'normal' life, we are often unable to do the things we enjoy and long to do. This lockdown has allowed people to relearn skills they may have discarded or pick up a new skill they always wanted to learn, but never had time for.

Whether that be gardening, baking, or, in my case, sewing. It was during the first four weeks of lockdown and I had already completed the basic lockdown to-do list; baking, gardening and catching up on work. I decided to try and 'stay in touch' with those I love and care about, and in doing so I ended up scrolling through my Facebook feed.

I came across the call for volunteer sewers to assist in the making of scrubs for the local care workers. Now, I have never sewn professionally or made garments for anyone outside of my family, but I was up for the challenge. I contacted the organisation and let them know of my willingness to assist. >



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| The Lord is my Shepherd | - That's Relationship! |
| I shall not want | - That's Supply! |
| He maketh me to lie down in green pastures | - That's Rest! |
| He leadeth me beside the still waters | - That's Refreshment! |
| He restoreth my soul | - That's Healing! |
| He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness | - That's Guidance! |
| For His name sake | - That's Purpose! |
| Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death | - That's Testing! |
| I will fear no evil | - That's Protection! |
| For Thou art with me | - That's Faithfulness! |
| Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me | - That's Discipline! |
| Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies | - That's Hope! |
| Thou annointest my head with oil | - That's Consecration! |
| My cup runneth over | - That's Abundance! |
| Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life | - That's Blessing! |
| And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever | - That's Eternal Security! |

God's got you all covered. Trust in Him always



> Shortly after, I received the scrub patterns and the materials were dropped off and collected from certain points. After gathering everything I needed, I wasted no time in getting started. My first order of scrubs had to undergo a quality check to ensure they meet the requirements and were up to standard.

Being happy with my first attempts, I was asked to make some more, which I was happy to do. I feel that by making these scrubs and assisting the organisation, I am contributing to the fight against Covid-19, whilst staying home. Currently, I am continuing my work with this organisation and still making scrubs for those on the frontline. After partaking in this project and seeing how my assistance can benefit those around me, I would like to encourage those who are able to, to get involved in their community and assist those in need in any way they can. ■

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