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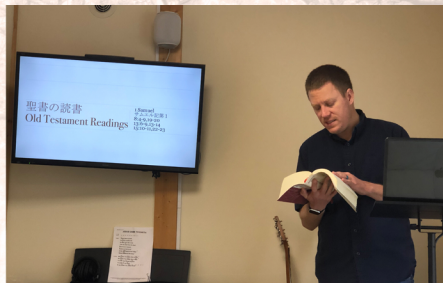
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Grace and peace to you through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We've had some health concerns this spring. For the month of April, Jenelle became very sick and was diagnosed with pneumonia. A test indicated she was **NOT** infected with Coronavirus. Her recovery has been slow. Just recently, she has been able to resume light tasks. We praise the Lord for her recovery. In addition, at the beginning of April I was taken by ambulance to the hospital with chest pain. I was diagnosed with shingles and recovered after a week. We praise the Lord that he has been using these circumstances to change us more into the image of Jesus Christ. Even though they are difficult circumstances and wouldn't have been the circumstances that we had originally chosen, that's okay. Good health isn't the hope of the Christian life. Because of the finished work of Christ, we have been reconciled with God. Our ongoing hope is that we glorify God more and more by becoming more like Jesus Christ. And our future hope is that we will be without sin and suffering when we see him face to face. We also praise the Lord that because of the



difficulties we have faced with our health, we have been able to share the hope we have in Christ. Even through our weakness the Lord has given us the strength to continue to preach Christ and him crucified. Our prefecture continues to be in a state of emergency from COVID. Our children's schools and community venues continue to be closed until at least the end of May.

Some of the people that normally attend our worship services are concerned about the virus spreading by public transportation. Therefore, we have been electronically sending our services for more than two months now. Society going into a soft lockdown has given us some new and different opportunities that we thank the Lord for. However, we look forward to the time when public health becomes stable once again. Stay Christ-centered, friends! Thanks for your prayers and continued support of our ministry.



Timothy, Jenelle,  
Simon, Isaac, Elisha, & Phoebe

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