

# A Word from the Walkers Summer 2020

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalm 92:1*

At the start of this year we had big plans for all that was going to be accomplished but here we are after almost five months of lockdown and plans had to be changed.

## COVID-19

In mid March Panama closed its borders and put the country into total lockdown. Men were only allowed out four hours a week and women six hours. All businesses were closed except those who dealt with essential items. Most people were left with no income as only Government workers



received furlough wage. During this time we were, and still are, able to distribute food packages to the Believers in the church and also to people in the community. In the bags we put a New Testament, a calendar, a gospel booklet and a tract. Everyone was very thankful to receive the packages.

A couple of weeks ago seven people from the church completed the seminar required for opening the church building again for meetings and the building passed the Health Inspection. Everyone entering the building must walk through a disinfectant shoe bath, have their temperature taken and apply alcohol gel on their hands. We are not meeting together yet in the building because the number of infected cases in Panama is still high but we have completed the requirements for when the time does come that we can meet.

## Church Building

Due to the virus all building work in the country was stopped for a number of months, but since it has let up some we have been able to get men to work inside the building and we have got the kitchen and the two bathrooms tiled. We have been working with the planning department and Fire Brigade to get the necessary paperwork, fire extinguishers, exit signs, etc. so we can get the building certified for public meetings. Years ago we would just put up walls and a roof and that was fine for meeting in, but that is not the case anymore!

Yours in His Service,  
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