

IN TOUCH

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Dear Friend:

I've heard it said and I've said it several times in the past week: We live in strange times. Even though we lived through SARS and the Swine Flu some experts definitely say if we don't stay ahead of COVID 19 it will be worse. It's one thing to hear about the virus, it's another to even experience symptoms of the virus but not have it! During the SARS scare I traveled to and from the Philippines. I was very sick when I got back, was coughing up blood, in the E.R., my wife and I had to go into quarantine. Thank God it was only pneumonia and not SARS (you should have seen medical personnel go into action when I said: "I just came back from the Philippines"). I never saw people move away from me and gown – up so fast!

Any infectious disease is serious – an infectious disease we have no vaccine for is deadly serious. What is our best hope in keeping sane during insane times? The Bible, as always, have the answer. Check out Hebrews 12:2: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...." The King James version says: "Looking Unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Speaking of the Philippines, our church and the U. B. denomination used to partner with Pastor Lim and a network of 16 churches in the Philippines. The name of the churches: "Looking Unto Jesus." At first I thought: "What a weird name for churches." The more I traveled there, led crusades there, worked medical missions there, etc. the more I thought: "Wow, what a cool name for a church." Why my change of mind? The more time (and our American teams) spent there the more I realized how much they Looked Unto Jesus and saw miracles happen.

I encourage you during this difficult time: Look Unto Jesus! Fix your eyes on Jesus and your faith will grow.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers For: COVID 19 victims, vaccine discovery, Joy Fugate (full arm infection recovery), our government leaders