How quickly things change! One day it was ministry as usual; then the mayor ordered all "non-essential" firms to close, including all our tea shops, taxi driver hangouts, sit-down restaurants, and even ministry centers. Now we are restricted in going out and have little contact with our friends and neighbors.

We are no longer able to teach or otherwise visit our South Asian friends and ESL students due to “stay at home” restrictions, and most of our Ministry House activities are shut down due to having no student volunteers for tutoring, as well as the restrictions on groups gathering. It is difficult to be in touch with our friends other than by phone since most of them have little access to technology.

The Devon Avenue business district is usually bustling during the day and into the night hours, but now it is silent with hardly any activity. Shops and restaurants are closed, and some may not be able to reopen even after restrictions are lifted. Many of our people lost jobs when these businesses closed, and they are suffering financially.

Our community is also one of the hardest hit in Chicago with confirmed cases of the coronavirus. There is a lot of fear and suspicion among the South Asian population and people are turning to animistic practices in an attempt to protect themselves from illness. They are hearing from their imams and priests that Westerners are to blame for the virus, and they are beginning to look at us with suspicion. Pray for God to do a work in their hearts that will keep them from fear and that people will turn to us as those who can give them the Word of Life in this dark time!
Prayer Requests

- Pray for wisdom for how to continue our ministry in the community with the restrictions that are currently in place.
- Pray for ESL students who had citizenship interviews postponed, that they can continue preparing at home; pray that we will be able to start up classes again with good attendance once the "stay at home" order is lifted.
- Pray for Doug’s Iranian friend, Saber, who he can’t currently visit; Saber is struggling with a lot of pain due to various ailments he has. There are several cases of COVID-19 in his building.
- Pray for wisdom as our three-couple church planting group figures out ways to keep meeting together, and to come up with creative ways to reach out to our community during this difficult time.
- Pray for those in our South Asian neighborhood who have lost jobs and who will continue to suffer financially even after things open up again, that God would supply their need and provide us with opportunities to show our love in practical ways.

Thank you for your prayers for us and for least-reached South Asians in Chicago!

--- Doug, Margaret and Nathan

Our Financial Need

God continues to encourage us through your prayers and gifts. Even though we once again have a financial deficit, we continue to trust Him to supply all our needs. Thank you to all who continue to give even when finances are short for everyone! Please keep our ministry needs in your prayers, that our monthly support would increase and reach a positive balance, and that God would provide an additional $1,430/month so that we can be supported in full. We praise God in advance for what He will supply!

I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received... the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. Philippians 4:18 ESV

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