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“Stop, drop, and roll.” Most of us know what to do if our clothes catch on fire. But what is the best response when life gets too hot to handle? I’ve had to practice it several time in the last year or so – Stop, Drop, and Pray.

Today is decision day in our province back in Asia Pacific: stay or go. No visa renewals, embassies have pulled out and the last flights out of the country are leaving. Every missionary is asking a serious question – “Should I stay or should I go?” Those who are leaving are walking away from their homes and belongings, with little hope of returning to them. Those who are staying will help, support, and suffer with those whom they have already given much of their lives to. Here are some of their own words:



“As you're praying ... please keep in mind all the places where people will suffer the effects of this illness without any medical interventions or infrastructure to provide supportive care. In many regions throughout the world, people are just going to get sick... And there won't be an ICU, there won't be a doctor, and there are no ventilators at all.” JS

“... how do you wash your hands if you don't have running water? If you can't afford soap? How do you practice social distancing if you live a cramped section of town, people right on top of each other? How do you stock up when you ... can barely afford your day-to-day food needs? How do you financially brace yourself for the impact of this when you work as a daily wage earner and there is no such thing as health insurance or paid sick leave?” KG

Back here in Clearwater we've seen God at work in lives as we disciple folks though a Basic Bible Timeline and more opportunities are opening up. My friend Rod also shared his testimony for the first time as we presented tribal missions together at a nearby church. We're looking for ways to move forward while keeping a safe social-distance.

Please praise God with us for:

- providing for our family to be together
- redeeming hearts and lives through His word
- being our ever-present help in difficult times

Please pray with us for:

- missionaries suddenly evacuated or staying with the people
- God's extra grace toward the sick and grieving
- people to be drawn to Jesus

In His grip,

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