

# The Rodriguez Family



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*Dear Family and Friends,*

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A couple of things we have learned during this time. We have had to find a way to serve our church people with the new mandatory restrictions. We have learned to use social communication tools to spread the Gospel to our church people and to as many people we have come across. Being a family of twelve, we have learned a little more about unity, trusting in the Lord to provide, using the money that we receive more wisely and to continue to share and be a blessing to others mainly our neighbors.

As of right now, God has given me the opportunity to teach a class for the Bible College in David. I am currently teaching two classes for another Bible college in Las Lomas and Tracy is teaching one class also. We are still renting an hour slot on Sundays to transmit our Sunday service on a FM radio station. God has used that to help us meet new people who otherwise we would never have met under other circumstances. Recently, I received a call from somebody asking me to pray for him.

I asked him about his salvation. I was able to share the gospel with him and lead him to Christ over the phone.

The government took away our two feeding center facilities but we praise the Lord that we have been able to hand out bags of food to our church people and even to people who do not attend our church. We have been able to be a testimony to them and help them in their time of need. This has been a great blessing to many who have low-income or no income at all.

Currently, we are having services on Thursdays at 5:00 pm in our church building and we live stream that same service at 7:00 pm for those not able to make it. On Sunday's we live stream the service from our home. We also do children's junior church and Sunday evening Bible Study from our home.

We thank you for your prayers and support especially during these times. On the home front we are healthy. We have a total of ten doing some type of schooling all from home....my four home school, four others do online public school, one in Bible college, and one in university.

Once again, thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you!

Your servants

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