

# Turner Tidings

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## Disrupting Interruption...?

### No, an Intermission of opportunities!

How interesting that in just four weeks we have all experienced a few changes. Our normal today is stay home, only go out when necessary, 4pm-4am curfew, travel restrictions, physical distancing, wear a mask, lots of hand washing and antibacterial hand gel. Have our lives and ministry been interrupted?

**We say, no!** We are only experiencing an intermission.

An intermission is just a break or recess. One month ago, we started making some great connections and laying a foundation for ministry here in Guatemala. We are super excited because we know that **God has a plan for us** here in Guatemala, but today those plans are just on a temporary hold. Meanwhile we are asking the Lord to show us how to serve during this intermission.

### Here's what we have been up to, in spite of the closures:

**Teaching-** Marie was co-teaching a language class at the School of Missions which had to be converted to an online format. She missed the face-to-face interaction but enjoyed the one-on-one connection that developed.

**Studying-** Marie is also taking advantage of the extra time by finishing up some graduate coursework.

**Providing-** Thanks to some extra funds that people have sent us, we have been able to purchase food for distribution. We have partnered with local pastors to help them meet the needs of their families that have been hit the hardest.

**Praying-** More time for seeking the Lord. He is helping us to refine the details of the ministry we want to present and develop here.

COVID-19 has changed many of our plans for right now, but it has given us an opportunity to step aside and focus, make adjustments, and create some really neat ways to minister. Keep **looking for the opportunities** that the Lord is giving us during this time. Opportunities to connect with people (from a safe distance), develop deeper relationships, and meet needs. Our prayer is that as we are all stretched beyond our normal, that we would receive **divine creativity to function spectacularly** during and beyond this intermission.

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