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"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa.41,10 God bless and keep all of you safe!

I have often written to you that it is a grace that the gates of the prisons are open to proclaim the gospel. Now came the time for those gates to close for a while before us. Starting with March 13, all activities were interrupted for an indefinite period. The churches have closed all in-person worship and gatherings were stopped. We are not allowed to leave our homes, only for very well-founded purposes. It is quarantine throughout the country. Two pastors from the Evangelical community have already died of the new epidemic. The Government has enforced severe restrictive laws.

What could I say? I try to approach this challenge in faith. I am more and more convinced that we are living in days of grace, even though it is difficult for us to stop from the usual routine, from the mission, of things that we have already become accustomed to. It is a small experience of being in prison. However, this is a method of God commonly encountered at the prophets and apostles: their ministry was inserted by periods of recreation, solitude, forced "holidays". We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. It matters a lot how quickly we adapt to these situations, how we can fill that void that appeared.

We are trying to fulfill God's will for this period. We give thanks there are other ways we can connect with inmates: correspondence mission. We need to develop this method as soon as possible. One of

our volunteers (Dragu Angel) started already and he has a number of contacts. We have also time to prepare ourselves, to spend more time in prayer, to learn new useful skills to be better equipped when we can start the activity again. It is a blessing to spend more time among our family members. The most impressive picture came from Marian, baking bread with his little daughter.

I talk a lot with the volunteers. We miss so much the in-person prison ministry. As soon as the Lord changes this situation, we will resume our activity. Praying that we do not have to say goodbye to anyone. However, we accept God's will.

Our greeting to you: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil.4,6-7



With love in Christ,

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