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Coaching & Resourcing Cru Staff & Families serving Internationally

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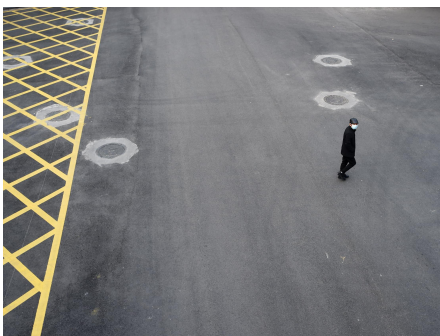
Dylan & Annie, serving in the Middle East

Oasis | Middle East

The COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) epidemic has affected virtually every corner of the world, including the Middle East, where our staff Dylan and Annie and their Oasis team are serving. The country has recorded relatively few cases, thankfully, as the government has taken extraordinary measures to stop the spread of the virus, including imposing a nation-wide round-the-clock curfew. The team is careful to not leave their homes at this time. They are safe, healthy, and have enough supplies for a long lock-in, but many people here live below or near the poverty line and this curfew is crippling for many of their livelihoods. **Please pray for these vulnerable individuals and families.**

We also realize that the outbreak of COVID-19 is likely to have impacted many of your lives. In these trying days Tricia and I pray you are experiencing the Lord's peace. In Psalm 46 we are reminded that *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..."* and also, *"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth."* In these few verses we are reminded that God is personal and intimate, caring for our emotions and suffering, and will use all of life to bring glory to Himself.

Continuing Ministry Despite Curfew: Over the last 6 months, the Oasis team, as well as many of our teams world-wide, have invested energy into developing a series of online ad campaigns to connect with students virtually. They did not anticipate this year playing out the way it did, but this thankfully has set them up well to continue reaching students with the hope of the gospel despite being unable to leave our homes. So far, students online have been very open to hearing and considering the claims of Jesus, and we have already seen three students indicate decisions to put their faith in Jesus in just the first week of lockdown! **Praise God, that He is working even when everything else is shut down. Pray for students and our staff as they continue navigate virtual ministry to their neighbors and caring for those most impacted by this crisis.**



Oasis life in the streets & online // photos by: K. H.

East Asia | COVID-19 Update

On March 13th we heard from Cru East Asia leadership that all East Asia International Interns, who were in Thailand at the time, were being asked to return to their home countries to finish out the year doing other assignments. On March 20th, Jun, along with his teammates Zach and Joel, each landed back at their parents' homes in California.

After getting settled a bit more, they will receive another assignment from Cru to finish out their commitment until July 31st. We know these men would rather be back in Asia right now, but are amazed at how they are trusting Cru's decision to have them return home in the midst of the global crisis and uncertainty.



The East Asia, JN Team: Zach, Jun, & Joel

Please pray for Nich and I as we connect and track with each of our staff and their families as they process through this uncertain time. Pray for our emotions as we lean on the Lord for peace of mind and strength of body.

Praising God for you always, *NICH & Tricia*