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## Dear EFCLA/HarvestLA Family,

Greetings. May the peace of the Lord be with you. After the safer-at-home ordinance has been enforced for two months, California has resumed working on-site with restrictions since late May. You may have noticed that the traffic on the road apparently increased. The California government issued another order to allow religious gatherings of up to 100 people on May 25th. Although we desperately hope to reopen our church, statistics show that the number of daily new COVID-19 cases in both California and the US is still staggering, meaning that COVID-19 has not subsided. Because the health and safety of our brothers and sisters is our top concern, the church leadership decided to postpone the reopening of our church at this time. I urge everyone to pray earnestly that there would not be any more people losing their lives because of COVID-19, and that the people of God would be able to worship Him on-site soon.

Our church is not only a congregation of worshipers, but also an entity reaching out to the communities around us. COVID-19 caused many people to lose their jobs. Many people, therefore, live in hardship. There are many such people residing in the city of El Monte, where our church building is located. While many of us can safely stay home and away from the pandemic, I call upon you to help those in our community who are struggling for their next meals. Jesus Christ commands His disciples to "love your neighbors as yourself" (Luke 10:27b). Let us not only pray for those who are in need, but take actions by sending food to them as well. Operation Compassion is a church-wide campaign to reach out to the needy in our community. We collaborate with three charity organizations in El Monte to send food to those needy people through cash and food donations. You may find more details about Operation Compassion on the church website (www.efcla.org) or our weekly bulletin. I hope your family and you can actively involve in this campaign because the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 that "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God".

With this letter, we sent you a return envelope. I encourage you to make a good use of it by dropping us your prayer request. If you wish to receive the printed church bulletin, please feel free to let us know as well. If you have any questions, require any assistance, or have any comments, please feel free to contact us. Our Church phone number is (626) 450-7676. May God protect you, give you peace and great joy.

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