

From the desk of Pastor Daniel

Doris and I had the Covid-19 tests done and the results came in this morning. Mine came out negative whereas hers is positive. There are two others in DUMC who were tested positive too. Many of you have expressed your kind thoughts, love, concern and prayers for us during this time from around the country and across the world. We and all in DUMC deeply appreciate that and we want to say *ribuan terima kasih!*

We are faced today with an unprecedented global challenge where not only many were infected by Covid-19 but also many have lost their loved ones and the numbers are still rising rapidly sadly. Many health care professionals in Malaysia and around the world are under enormous strain to cope with their massive tasks and responsibilities. Their family members have sacrificed and paid a high price too. Some of these have sadly even paid for their lives in performing their duties at the front-line. Governments, businesses and so many sectors of society are battling with this catastrophic disaster. The human and economic costs are already mind-boggling and it scares to think of the eventual outcome. We must continue to pray for good and wise decisions and actions by those in charge and cooperation to be undertaken by all.

In such a time like this we all recognise that we are not in control of our lives, much less the world. It is a global recognition of human fragility and frailty and how dependent we are upon God for help and divine intervention. Doris and I are acutely aware of this during this time and we come humbling ourselves before God for mercy and grace. We trust you will join us too. This is the time to seek God more and renew our love and commitment to Him and for His Word. We must guard against allowing Covid-19 as the preoccupation regarding news daily instead of the Word of God. We trust this is also the time to draw close to each other as family members and also the body of Christ. To know that we are one big family in Christ.

Finally, it is natural at such a time for many to live in anxiety, fear and despair. There is no better time but now to share and show the love of Jesus through acts of kindness with no strings attached, irrespective of social, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Not only to the poor, needy and elderly but also those living in fear and despair through the gospel of love and hope.

Thank you so much for your love, prayers and support for us. We are truly overwhelmed and grateful. What a family we have globally! God is truly good and merciful! Let us brace ourselves with greater devotion and passion to love, serve and share this Good News of hope as life is short and time is precious. By the grace of God, I believe we will all come out stronger to the glory of God and a great extension of His Kingdom.

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