
FW: Corona update from Curt and Lalia Kregness

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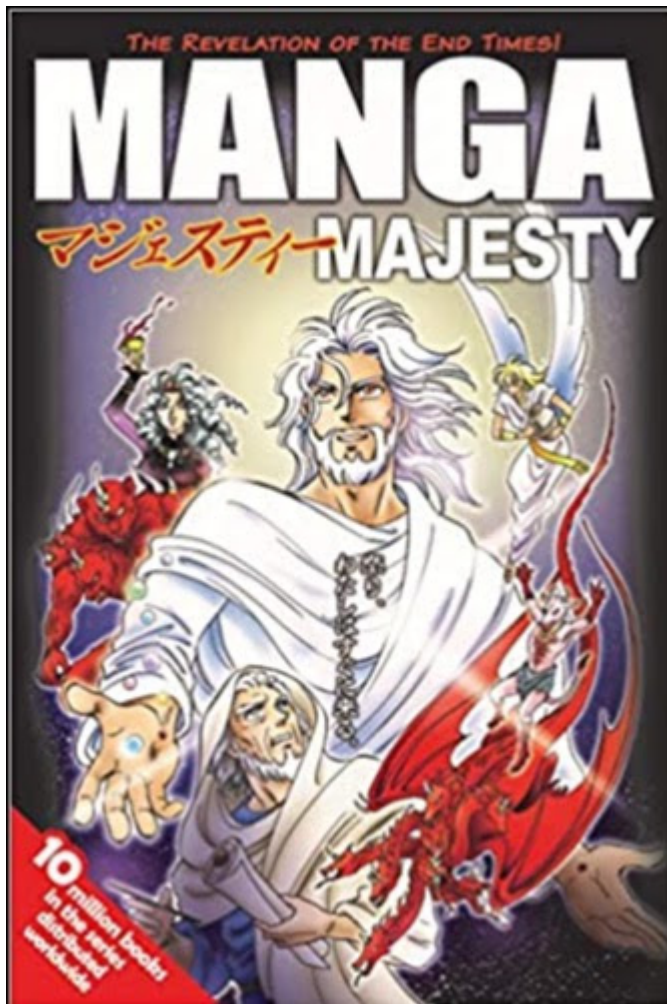
The latest from Curt and Lalia Kregness in São Paulo, Brazil

"If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans."

Dear friends,

The purpose of this update is to let you know how we are doing in these uncertain times of coronavirus. Lalia and I are sheltering in place at our apartment in São Paulo, and we are feeling well. Our quarantine is not absolute. We go out regularly to walk inside our gated community (one lap is about half a mile), and occasionally to the mini-market just across the street. There is a young family from church that offered to buy groceries for us (and we accepted). We have fresh produce delivered to us every week by local vendors. To top it all off, a small convenience store is still operating inside our apartment complex. Do you think we are spoiled?

For us, staying home is not an onerous task. Most of our translation and editing work is routinely accomplished in our home office, so the transition to quarantine has been almost seamless. We do miss personal contact, especially with our local church community.



The governor of São Paulo has just extended the statewide quarantine until May 10 (it began March 24). That means that all non-essential businesses are closed and everyone who is not involved in essential services is encouraged to stay at home. But as people here get increasingly restless, more and more are flaunting the stay-at-home directive.

The Vida Nova publishing house closed its doors in late March and gave all its employees paid vacation through the end of April. Theological seminaries are closed, just like all other public and private schools in the state. Our local church has been meeting online since March, with live broadcasts direct from the pastor's living room.

Alan is healthy in suburban Minneapolis. The Target corporate offices where he works were shut down, and he has been working exclusively

from home. This is not a big adjustment, because he was already working from home about half of the time.

So there you have it. Someone said, “If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Our plans for the second half of the year are on hold because of the virus situation, and that’s a matter for prayer.

Here are several additional requests:

1. Our local church, just two years old, Igreja Batista Chácara Flora, must find a new location for worship. Pray for an adequate venue in the same neighborhood, within our budget constraints. The public health crisis has given us a little more time to find a new meeting place.
2. Pray that God will give us opportunities for ministry during these days of uncertainty.
3. Continue to pray for Lalia’s relief from chronic pelvic pain. She was forced to reduce her physical therapy regimen because of the pandemic.

One item for praise: We were able to recently complete the translation and revision of a unique book for the Vida Nova publishing house: a visual retelling of the book of Revelation in Japanese manga style (**see photo above**).

In sickness or in health, we are in the Lord’s hands. Thanks for your prayers.

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