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## **Happy Easter!**

We're glad you're here

We want to hear from you! Fill out a Communication and/or Prayer Request form. We would love to pray for you and get you more information.

## **EVENTS AND INFO**

### ACC'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 HEALTH CONCERNS

At this time, local and state health officials have cancelled all events that gather more than 10 people through May 4. This includes our weekend worship services and all mid-week programming.

We encourage all of our ACC family to conduct a small worship service at home. We have an ONLINE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE (including a message for kids & students) by using the ACC app or on our website: <a href="mailto:alderwood.cc/online">alderwood.cc/online</a>

For more ways to connect, Like and Follow our Facebook page: Alderwood Community Church.

You can also find us on Instagram: alderwoodcc

If have not been receiving emails from Alderwood Community Church, please check your junk email folder...if you still don't see anything, send your current email to us at ReachUs@amcc.org with instructions to update your personal information.

The Alderwood church staff and elders are praying for you regularly! Please let us know how we can be praying for you! Submit your prayer requests at <u>alderwood.cc/prayer</u>

If you made a decision to follow Christ today, let us know and we will send you some books to help you grow in your faith.

Contact us at alderwood.cc/isaidyes

FAMILY CAMP - 7/6-12

All ages welcome! Lots of details online at: alderwood.cc/camp

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP - 7/6-12 For current 9th-12th graders: <u>alderwood.cc/koocanusa</u>

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP - 7/15-19 For current 6th-8th graders: <u>alderwood.cc/cascades</u>

MEN'S MALIBU RETREAT - 9/10-13 In beautiful British Columbia: <u>alderwood.cc/malibu</u>

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## **MISSIONARY UPDATE**

## **SARA GRAVES**

**ACTION INTERNATIONAL** 



Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! (even the Coronavirus crisis) Because He lives, All fear is gone! Because I know who holds the future And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

Gloria & Bill Gaither

EASTER time brings back memories in the Philippines I witnessed many years ago. The road leading to a barrio outside of Manila was lined with milling crowds. My late husband, Marvin, and I were offering Gospel tracts. The Filipinos graciously received them with a smile and nod of thanks. A few would even engage briefly as we would share that through horrendous suffering and pain, Jesus fully paid the price for our sins, once and for all, by shedding His own blood—taking our place which we deserved.

What we and the crowds were witnessing was heartwrenching! A man was staggering down the street in the tropical heat with one or two taking turns beating on his back with a "whip of nine tails" embedded with pieces of glass. Before starting, he would have his back pricked with glass to get the blood flowing. More men followed the bloody road believing they were showing deep devotion to God. Each year, several men would promise God if He would answer a crisis prayer or forgive a sin, they'd do this during Holy Week. Some did it every year. At the barrio, at least one would actually be placed on a cross with arms tied to the cross bar and left a few minutes. Then they would go jump into the ocean to wash up! What Good News we could share: "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Many of over 250 ACTION missionaries share that same good news in over 25 countries during the Holy Week. Let's pray hundreds will receive Jesus during this fearful, vulnerable crisis time around the globe—even, across our street!

With deep appreciation I thank you, Alderwood friends, for your caring hearts, prayers and support.

Sara