

## Ladies in Bloom

March 2<sup>nd</sup> was the first meeting of the Ladies In Bloom weekly discipleship small group that Kathy began facilitating. We were able to meet in person twice before the current social distancing. Since then, we have begun to meet via a group video chat. The Lord is bonding us as we listen to Him & each other and as we bring our concerns to Him in prayer together. We also have a group text that we share Scripture, encouragement and concerns with each other during the week.



## Couples in Bloom

Our couples' discipleship small group (highlighted in [our February newsletter](#)) is also going well using a group video chat. We are very thankful to God for providing the internet through which His ministry can continue even with the social distancing. After a year of small group meetings, we are almost finished working through our marriage discipleship workbook.



## Church in the Park

Loren and Kathy have been phone conferencing with a few people from "The Church In the Park" ministry for prayer and encouragement as well. One Sunday recently, the two of us prayer-walked around the block of The Coatesville Neighborhood Center.

# The Furnace

Since our monthly first Friday Furnace Worship and Prayer nights are small gatherings, we have kept The Coatesville Neighborhood Center open to the public for this important meeting... while fulfilling all applicable legal requirements for gathering during the pandemic. The next meeting is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the theme is WORSHIP IN THE WILD. Unlike praising God for what He does, worshipping God is based on who He is, and is completely immune to everything that does or does not happen. This wonderful truth is a steadfast comfort for us, and frees us up to WORSHIP IN THE WILD... purely regardless of our lives, including in the very midst of unimaginable tragedies or victories.

This is new to some, and essential for all of us to have- and reciprocate- intimacy with our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the *very* thing God looks over the earth for, and He promises to *fully* support people who live this way – 2 Chronicles 16:9.

## Prayer Requests

**01.** Please pray for our missionary son-in-love and daughter, Joshua and Bethany, who are stuck here in the USA because of the pandemic and Romania closing its borders. They were supposed to return over 3 weeks ago. It is difficult for them to not be home / in their mission field, especially because the timing of their return remains unknown.

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**02.** Please pray for our present and future as missionaries. Although Loren has a part time job plus does missionary work, our finances continue downward. God knows and blesses our faithful few ministry supporters. We have lived in four different places since our arrival in 2013, and live very frugally. We need God to provide increase in the near future, and you may be part of His answer to our prayers. Ask us your questions; any support is great... believe it.

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**03.** Please pray for people we minister to. Although many people around the world have been forgotten because of all the time and energy stolen by the virus situation, by God's grace our evangelization and discipleship ministries here have remained close to normal as possible.

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**04.** Please pray for us. We have personal and marital needs, too. Learning 1 Corinthians 7:33-34 is challenging, including within the demands of a mission field. We love our calling, and we need more of God's grace to continue in it.