

Happy Monday of Easter. We hope that despite the social distancing and hygiene measures that we must take for our health, we haven't avoided celebrating Palm Sunday yesterday, strengthening our faith from our homes and with our families.

We are living through quite difficult moments, in which we had not previously experienced it before, but we know that our faith will remain strong, helping us to pray for the world situation to improve and for those who have the opportunity to do so, helping those who are less fortunate in our countries, for lack of homes and food, to relieve their suffering a little.

Tell you that we are still in home quarantine. No one works in person, except for the health area, restaurants (with food only to take away and home delivery), pharmacies, government, military and the police, supermarkets, among a few others.

Unlike the last email/update we sent to you, this time we have 69 confirmed cases of the virus, within which there are 2 recovered people, 3 cases of deceased people, leaving us with 64 active cases within the territory, information updated yesterday, Sunday April 5, during the night. We share photos with the graphics that the government has provided.

Share with you that since we couldn't meet for the celebration of the beginning of Easter, with Palm Sunday, a small bouquet has been placed on the doors of the houses in commemoration, but some families from Morazán were able to join each other, to make beautiful altars and celebrate Palm Sunday with reading of the Word (We also share photos). We like to know that our faith continues to strengthen and we don't lose it despite the hard times we are going through. We would love to see and read how the beginning of Easter has been celebrated in your communities and homes.

Communication in the communities with which we work in San Salvador, La Libertad and Morazán, we maintain it through the leaders of the communities, as well as the young people belonging to the scholarship program, who have informed us that things are going good. They keep well within their communities, without cases of the virus, and all obeying with the necessary hygiene measures to cope with the situation. As students, the situation is complicated by the fact that their classes have been moved virtually and as you know, not everyone has access to the internet or a computer at home. Each one makes their best effort and we hope the situation changes so that they can return to their face-to-face classes and obtain more knowledge.

As you will remember earlier, María Elena Sanabria, Director of the Foundation, together with Rossy Iraheta, coordinator of the Education area, participated together with two young people (Andrea and Rony) from Ecclesial Base Communities of El Salvador, in different Regional meetings, in Ecuador Andrea and Rony entered El Salvador on March 11, unlike María Elena and Rossy, who were able to enter the country until March 17, all taken directly to quarantine in different containment centers in the country.

Yesterday, Sunday, March 5, Rossy told us that she was transferred to a hospital because her COVID-19 test was positive, even though she does not have any symptoms and feels very well. The incomprehensible thing about the situation is that they only asked her to prepare a small bag with light clothing because they were going to move her to another place, not reporting why or where. Rossy was informed on the way to the hospital that her virus test was positive, without further indications, which seems to us that the Government's action is not correct, because also, to the hospital where she was transferred, she remains with people who yes they are positive with the virus (there are patients who are not positive and patients who do, mixed, which causes the contagion to occur sooner, creating foci of infection for not correctly separating people), and in the case of Rossy, her last test was done six days ago.

It should be noted that the containment center where Rossy was and more specifically the room where she was located, she shared it with María Elena and more people, so if Rossy truly tests positive, it is very possible that María Elena and the rest of people who were with them too, therefore, we know that within your countries, you are living even more difficult moments, but we will be so happy to know that you can also dedicate part of your prayers for El Salvador, as well as for Rossy and María Elena in specifically, in these difficult times.

Please do not hesitate to share your messages with us. Tell us about the situation in the area where you live, what preventive measures are you taking, what activities are you doing within your activities to improve your situation or any information that you want to let us know. We always read your messages and keep you in our prayers.

May God, Saint Romero and the martyrs help us to improve the health situation, and at the same time strengthen us as individuals, as families and as communities, giving us wisdom and strength for those who work in the health area and are up front, fighting in hospitals and clinics, and for those who are in front of their families, taking care of them and raising their spirits.

Our greetings and blessings,

Wendy and José.