



Update from the Paquette's – April 1, 2020

Thank you for your prayers and believe me they were answered. We have returned and are back in Canada. Currently we in a 14-day quarantine in Salmon Arm.

Our trip back to Canada was one of concern. We decided to leave Mexico a week early on the following Tuesday as there was some talk about closing both the north and south US borders and we were afraid of being caught on the wrong side. Monday morning, we woke to a disturbing phone call and were told the Mexican, US boarder was closing so we cleaned and packed and headed north arriving in Arizona just 8 hours later, and crossed without any incident, just long lines. We stopped in Phoenix and visited an elderly man from our church in San Carlos who was there for serious medical issues. The following night we awoke in Flagstaff and were informed that there was talk about closing the Canadian boarder. Flagstaff is located at a high elevation and they were calling for a three-day snowstorm later that day. Leaving we only drove a few minutes and heard on the radio that Salt Lake City which was on our route was hit by a small earthquake and all roads were being closed. Now we were forced to head to California which h was low on our choice of routes because it was considered a hot spot with the Coronavirus. We chose to bypass both Los Angeles and San Francisco as much as possible and we stayed in our car only stopping for gas at remote locations avoiding as many people as possible. While in California the Governor put the state on complete lock down so we just kept driving as long as we could. It was most unusual to be driving down the I-5 with almost no vehicles on the road. In Oregon we had to stop because of a major accident which closed the highway. Washington state we headed east and came up through Osoyoos in order to bypass Seattle, another hot spot. We crossed back into Canada just a few hours before the boarder was shut down. Four days and 4,000 km later we were hungry as we had only eaten gas station junk food because all restaurants were closed, and the food stores were having issues I didn't want to get caught in.

God was good to us all the way home and we traveled without any incident as he guided our steps all the way.

Now we wait in quarantine to find out if we came in contact with the virus. So far all is well. Both Judy and I have a cold, but we believe it to be just the flu. Daily we monitor our temperature and symptoms.

Like everyone else we now are trying to figure out what the future is as our plans have changed in ways, we could not have imagined just a week earlier.

We know and trust our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ in all his decisions and await to know what is next.

I will keep in touch and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Take care my friends and may the Lord keep us all in his care. Proverbs 3:5.

Paul and Judy

