



## **COVID-19 and European Mission Survey for VISTA: research-based information for mission in Europe**

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SURVEY CONDUCTED:	Online between 29 <sup>th</sup> April and 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2020, via anonymous Survey Monkey questionnaire
SENT TO:	Missionaries serving with Greater Europe Mission (GEM) 216 missionaries serving with European Christian Mission (ECM)
TOTAL RESPONSES:	145
COMPLETION RATE:	100%

# RECONCILED TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES: MISSIONARIES AND COVID-19 IN EUROPE

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COVID-19 restrictions are posing challenges for missionaries in Europe and across the globe. In late April, the Vista editors asked Darrell Jackson to develop a questionnaire to explore the response of two European mission agencies: European Christian Mission (ECM) and Greater Europe Mission (GEM). They were asked to complete an online survey of ten questions between the 29<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May. When the survey closed, a total of 145 responses had been gathered, 56 from ECM and 86 from GEM.

The full 43-page report will be published shortly. What follows is a summary of some of the data and narratives that emerge from the responses offered.

## 1. “Leave? We’re staying, this country is our home!”

The first question was open-ended and explored the factors considered by missionaries when making the decision whether to remain or return.

Approximately 93% have remained in their country of ministry with only eleven missionary families returning to their sending country, most commonly for a family

wedding. Some missionaries were already on home assignment so were unable to return to their country of service following travel restrictions. Commonly, we were told, “We didn’t even consider returning, this is our home’.

The considerations fell into five categories: **personal considerations**, such as the need to attend family wedding or care for elderly parents; **practical considerations**, such as healthcare provision, travel or repatriation factors, accommodation, financial support or the impact on children’s education; **vocational considerations**, which figured prominently with many saying that ‘Corona doesn’t change our calling’; **missional considerations**, the impact that leaving would have on their ministry or witness; and **spiritual considerations**, that without the prompting of God’s Spirit they felt called to remain.

## 2. Travel restrictions, or their impending threat, lay behind decisions to return home for family reasons, support-raising, or for volunteers on short-term placements

Our second question asked which reasons best explained decisions to return to the sending/home country. Only 22

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of the 145 (15%) respondents were in their sending country when we surveyed them. Of these, around half were on home assignment and thus prevented from returning by travel restrictions. A further six reported that health concerns had prompted their return to the sending country. Five were facing a slowing of financial support and had returned to boost their support. Most short-termers had returned home

### **3. When considering a return to a sending country, a comparison of respective healthcare systems was the most commonly cited factor when deciding whether to remain in country of service.**

A third question asked which would be the single most important consideration if the respondent were to consider a return to their sending country. The most frequent response was fear of inadequate healthcare in the country of service, especially where the missionaries have a low resistance to infection or other pre-existing health risk, followed by the sending agency's recommendations, the need to boost support levels, and impending travel restrictions.

### **4. "This is our home; we simply have to stay put!"**

Question 4 explored the reasons for remaining. The most frequently mentioned consideration was the missionary's feeling that the country of service was their 'home' (66%) and that they simply felt it was important to stay (64%). The quality of the healthcare system in the country of service was ranked almost as highly as the first two (60%). Some also mentioned multiple citizenship (17%) and were not sure where else they might go.

A fifth question had asked missionaries to indicate which had been the most important consideration. Most re-affirmed their sense that their country of service is their 'home' and therefore important to stay there.

### **5. Missionary service in Europe was not considered different to mission service elsewhere, although there are practical benefits to serving in relatively prosperous countries.**

Question six asked, 'Do you think there is anything unique about being a missionary in Europe that had a bearing on your decision?' Most respondents (28%) said there was

nothing unique about missionary service in Europe that affected their decisions. Some 23% affirmed their view that calling and vocation came before all else, 'God's call is a call to remain'. Lusting benefits to serving in Europe, missionaries most notably mentioned that these include 'a good healthcare system' (28%), along with stable and secure social conditions (14%).



### **6. Creative, online opportunities for outreach are accompanied by increasing opportunities among immediate neighbours and friendship circles**

When asked how their mission service had been impacted, 34% highlighted the rapid uptake of online means of engaging in ministry and mission, suggesting a highly adaptive missionary community. Some reported that 'it has actually made us more connected' although one or two disagreed, suggesting that 'there is only so much you can do online to build community'. Clearly the extent to which technology is seen to help or hinder is determined by the shape of the ministry, personal circumstance, or individual personality. One or two have clearly struggled with new technologies.

Just under a third (31%) highlighted that restrictions had given rise to 'creativity' or 'new opportunities'. Some described a new sense of solidarity with their neighbours, or that mission had become more local, whilst others talked of new possibilities for outreach. In contrast, a small but not insignificant number (16%) had seen their ministry close down, especially ministries using short-termers.

Four themes emerged frequently in the responses:

**New communication technologies** were forcing the missionaries to 'think outside of the box'. As one respondent put it, 'It's helped us to think more creatively in how to minister to people.' If one word sums up this shift, it is the word 'Zoom'!

**New opportunities** were observed by many. Some felt an increased confidence in the relevance of a Gospel of hope. New connections with neighbours included missionaries 'shopping for elderly neighbours' or 'doing gardening work' for them. Mission has become more local, whilst contact at a distance has been maintained by increased use of cards and postcards and, in one instance, the 'writing of a daily reflection on the Psalms for neighbours and friends.' However, some observed that fringe church contacts had drifted out of contact.

**New pressures** meant that some had a 'terribly difficult transition' to embracing new technologies. Some respondents noted 'Zoom fatigue' and 'screen fatigue' whilst others felt the stress of disconnection, the burden of home-schooling, or the balancing increased ministry expectations alongside extra family demands; 'windows of tolerance are certainly narrower.'

**New restrictions** were mentioned frequently; including restrictions on meeting together, travelling, attending conferences, teaching classes, offering face-to-face ministry, visiting homes, or street evangelism. Some clearly viewed these restrictions lightly, suggesting 'there are no restrictions, just new ways of serving'. In contrast, one

missionary described their experience as akin to 'living in a police state'.

### **7. With more frequent prayer, Bible reading, and more free time, missionaries have been able to reflect more deeply on the theology of what they do as missionaries**

A final question that invited open reflections on anything else occurring to the missionary, prompted some unique but very rich responses.

**Devotional practices** Many missionaries said they were 'praying with a new intensity and frequency', some had taken up 'prayer-walking', whilst other described 'pressing into God's Word' accompanied by a new sense of urgency and purpose.

**Theological questions** One missionary described having time for 'real theological and missiological reflection.' The fruit of such reflection seems to have generated questions such as whether this 'will mean more of us go home and focus on raising up first culture workers?'. Others marvelled at the fact that 'it took the closing of the church doors to bring so many more people to church.' One suggested that 'the pandemic has forced all churches to cease business as usual...many are thinking about how things can or will change' once restrictions have been lifted.

**Pastoral concerns** A range of responses underlined the experience of one missionary who had come to 'understand more about the theology of suffering and faith in a time of crisis'. For some it prompted a degree of heart-

searching; 'The already troubling tendency towards burnout and overwork among missionaries has only become more pronounced. The proliferation of extra meetings and content creation may be based on a genuine desire to care for others in this difficult time. Or, perhaps many of us find our worth in what we can tell our supporters that we have done.' Others added that 'many missionaries feel unless they're busy doing things and leading things many things will fall apart'.

Some experienced the restrictions as imprisonment, 'Had I known that we could not go outside and walk for 7-8 weeks, I might have returned home.' Some felt pressured 'to clap for health workers' and that 'being told to stay home', was experienced as 'a loss of civil liberties'.

Feelings of isolation were also described by some, 'We are struggling to have appropriate or frequent communication with national teammates and families back home. We are taking the role of virtual carer, but need care ourselves'.

### **8. Is the future of mission in Europe a 'new normal'?**

The responses offered here certainly suggest that COVID-19 has stimulated and accelerated innovative and creative practices. Whether these point to a new future is beyond

the scope of an information-led article. Speculation is a prophetic and visionary act, but glimpses of the future are seen in our survey responses, nevertheless.

As we've gathered up the fragmentary responses of almost 150 missionaries serving in Europe, we remain aware that a new narrative will be required as missionaries return to the new 'normal'; narratives that define the shape of God's mission in Europe, the nature of mission, the role of the missionary, the character of the missionary, missionary call and crisis, and missionary vulnerability.

The fact that missionaries serving in Europe consistently see it as 'home' may not necessarily be seen as unique by the missionaries, but it is arguably much less commonly seen this way by missionaries serving elsewhere in the world. This factor deserves further investigation. Perhaps the language of 'benefits' rather than 'unique' is a better explanation of why missionaries remained.

We are human, living in historical circumstances, but God is ultimately sovereign and these times will pass. A gospel of hope for a post-COVID world can only be forged in such times as the present.

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## **Lausanne Europe 20/21 Conversation and Gathering Dynamic Gospel – New Europe**

Vista are partnering with Lausanne Europe through being one of the key resources to facilitate a conversation about mission across Europe and beyond

While the physical Gathering has now been postponed to November 2021, the Conversation has already begun. For the last few months, Lausanne Europe delegates and other church leaders and influencers have been meeting across Europe in what are called Impact Groups. The idea is that each of the 800 selected delegates form an Impact Group of 10-12 people to reflect on the key issues for mission in Europe today, on Scripture, discipleship, mobilisation, and prayer. The hope is that, by the time the delegates meet up in Wisla, Poland in November 2021, as many as 10,000 evangelical leaders might be part of the Lausanne Europe Conversation.

The Conversation is open to all and more information on how to start an Impact Group can be found on the website.

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Q1 The COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions have prompted many missionaries to weigh up whether to remain in situ or return to their sending/home country? What were the factors that you considered before making a decision about remaining or returning?

Answered: 144 Skipped: 1

going mission field pandemic never even host country feel safer work sending country thought  
UK never Flight safe really think planned local restrictions see  
returning sending country continue also already feel will called access ministry  
passport country needed people health care travel considered  
thought returning home country serve family years live USA US  
decision stay missionary home called us leave real  
country factors field even consider returning return  
consider returning sending place support better current go back desired God

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The look down came so quick that we didn't have really the time to reflect about turning back or not.	5/4/2020 1:57 AM
2	I weighed the response of my host country with that of my home country. In which country would we be more able to weather the storm so to speak.	5/3/2020 6:10 PM
3	We returned to our home country during the pandemic for our youngest daughters wedding and for the birth of our first Grandchild.	5/3/2020 8:16 AM
4	Current schedule of when I planned to return, conditions in my current location, and family-team thoughts.	5/3/2020 8:05 AM
5	closed borders, projected length of quarantine, available health care and cost, fulfilling our job/role	5/3/2020 6:18 AM
6	(1) realizing where I was sent to work, (2) looking at my commitment to the field and situation where I was, and (3) my family.	5/3/2020 5:57 AM
7	Returning to my home country was never an option. I didn't feel that the situation warranted it.	5/3/2020 4:42 AM
8	We didn't really think about it. We felt that France was just as safe as the US and that moving would be too difficult/expensive/disruptive even if we had desired to leave	5/3/2020 4:05 AM
9	I never thought about returning to my sending/home country.	5/3/2020 12:59 AM
10	Greece has become our home. We didn't feel like going to Cyprus (for me) or going to Portugal (my wife) would make any sense for us.	5/2/2020 10:03 PM
11	We didn't even consider leaving our field	5/2/2020 9:32 PM
12	In my particular case I am a national missionary. I am staying in my home country.	5/2/2020 7:34 PM
13	I had peace about staying on the field	5/2/2020 5:17 AM
14	Ministry is more needed when there is crisis, than my own comfort. Our home of 30 years is also in Europe not USA	5/2/2020 4:24 AM
15	We had returned to the States to do a "short" fundraising period which then COVID-19 turned into a premature HMA.	5/2/2020 1:50 AM
16	It never occurred to me to return home as 1. this is our home and kids have schooling. and 2. the church needs my help even more so right now. and 3. I didn't feel we'd be any safer in the USA than where we are.	5/2/2020 1:04 AM
17	It really wasn't a thought for us until Covid-19 and its restrictions were in place. It (returning to sending/home country) has become an idea we've had to consider now that we are approximately 75% supported.	5/2/2020 12:59 AM
18	staying	5/1/2020 11:59 PM
19	Practical - no point leaving with borders closing and flights being cancelled, no house/place to stay in home country, wouldn't be able to see anyone anyway. Health - we're better off not taking the risk of travelling unnecessarily plus we have good health care in host country. This is where we believe God wants us to be for now.	5/1/2020 11:48 PM
20	Family Health (including upcoming birth of another child), safety in current country, quality of healthcare in current country	5/1/2020 11:46 PM
21	We had transitioned back to Europe after a long stay in our passport country. Did not want to add another transition to our families. We stayed. We are in charge of a ministry that ministers to vulnerable people, so leaving when they are extra-vulnerable felt immoral. We believe the opportunity to shine is easier, though scarier, in the darkness .	5/1/2020 11:17 PM
22	Quality of health care and risk of being infected in Germany compared to the Netherlands (home country). Practical factors, like where would we live if we would return, or what are the consequences for the children?	5/1/2020 11:13 PM
23	Early in March the government of Canada was advising Canadians abroad to return home, and my mom really wanted me to do that, especially since the country where I serve had no official measures in place and also wouldn't be my first choice in a healthcare emergency. But I hadn't been planning to be in Canada again in the foreseeable future, and it seemed safer to stay put than to navigate multiple airports full of potentially sick people. Long term I feel called to be here, and this is where my everyday life is. This is where my ministry is. At	5/1/2020 11:03 PM

least here I'm in the same time zone so it's easier to adapt and continue my ministry over the Internet than it would be from Canada, and with the quarantine in Canada, it wouldn't really be optimal conditions for raising support or visiting supporting churches either. My family was healthy and didn't need me to care for them. Ultimately, I think this is where God wants me to be and after much prayer and consulting with my organization, there was no compelling reason to leave. So I didn't return to Canada. I'm still here.

24	1) Where I was best connected to make a positive contribution 2) Where I felt I would not be a burden to others 3) Where I feel most at home	5/1/2020 10:08 PM
25	Risk of travelling during pandemic. Being a witness / help where we are on the mission field. Financial support continuing and cost of travel. Ability to adapt working methods to continue the mission. Health system and approach the government is taking	5/1/2020 10:02 PM
26	Our current visa status, long-term effects of lockdown, sense of calling to field	5/1/2020 9:39 PM
27	I am from Albania and God willing to serve the Albanians.	5/1/2020 9:31 PM
28	My husband has another homecountry as my sendingcountry. Good healthcare here Project needs us and it is also very good possible to stay here. Safer as my homecountry.	5/1/2020 9:20 PM
29	We didn't consider returning to our home country	5/1/2020 9:02 PM
30	1. we had just returned to the UK after 6 weeks of being in the USA. We absolutely did not even consider going back during this, because we had performances (before the total lockdown began).	5/1/2020 8:59 PM
31	It was a no brainer. We live 20 years already in Croatia, which is effectively our home.	5/1/2020 8:38 PM
32	Severity of crisis in country Reputation of health care system in country Prospects of still being able to minister in country	5/1/2020 8:19 PM
33	I never considered returning to my home country. I live in a Western European country and felt very safe and protected here. Plus, this is my home, now, and I would have felt out of place returning to America.	5/1/2020 8:14 PM
34	I am a missionary in my own country, that is why I stayed.	5/1/2020 8:09 PM
35	Would it really be any better on the other side? Would we be as able to do what we're called to there?	5/1/2020 7:13 PM
36	There was only a 2 week window when there were still normal flights going back to the US. I decided that I would be in more danger of exposure in large, international airports than to stay in my rural town.	5/1/2020 6:59 PM
37	-there was no benefit to returning to the States. Considering the virus situation and healthcare in France we are no worse off staying here	5/1/2020 6:37 PM
38	The thought never crossed our minds to return to our sending country.	5/1/2020 6:11 PM
39	I am from the USA but am serving ECM in Spain. During Spain's confinement, I have been tempted at times to try returning to the US but have subsequently changed my mind. Given that the US seems to handling the COVID19 crisis in a somewhat haphazard way, I believe that risk of my contracting the virus here in Spain is less than in the US.	5/1/2020 6:05 PM
40	Sought the Lord to ask Him. Received "words" from three different sources telling us to stay the course.	5/1/2020 5:13 PM
41	We had already made plans to leave in the fall, so we opted to stay in order to finish our commitments here and to be able to pack up for a permanent move.	5/1/2020 4:59 PM
42	It wasn't much of a question. We are here where God has called us. He didn't release that call, so we haven't left.	5/1/2020 4:50 PM
43	Our life and ministry is here. We live in a country that has taken very good security measures.	5/1/2020 4:34 PM
44	Was never really a consideration to leave for us.	5/1/2020 4:20 PM
45	Lower quality of health system in country on the field. Quarantine requirements if we went back to home country. Disruption to family /schooling. Uncertainty regarding when we would be able to return. Message sent to those we are working with here if we left.	5/1/2020 3:37 PM
46	We never really considered returning to our sending country. In many ways we feel safer here and are far more established here after 20 years on the field than we are in our sending	5/1/2020 3:15 PM



country. It is always an expensive logistical challenge every time we return to our sending country, and we would not really gain anything for the efforts.

47	I just returned to the field after an extended stay in the US, so I did not plan to go back again so soon.	5/1/2020 2:55 PM
48	Access to affordable healthcare, possibility of family members in passport country being at risk, travel, unknown of when I would be able to return to my host country	5/1/2020 10:42 AM
49	Our flight back to Spain was canceled two days before returning. So we are here in the US waiting to have the travel bans cleared	5/1/2020 8:17 AM
50	Had to leave for daughter's wedding, pandemic or no, only factor was whether we'd make it.	5/1/2020 8:02 AM
51	The 2 factors that made us briefly consider returning to our sending countries were the poor local health system here and having elderly parents with existing health conditions. However, we believe we have been called here for all seasons, and believe that our staying here is valued by our friends and acquaintances here.	5/1/2020 7:36 AM
52	Kids schooling would have been majorly disrupted. Plus none of our family was high risk and our city is also low risk.	5/1/2020 7:02 AM
53	The main factor for me is that this is now my home. As hard as it had been to ride out the pandemic in my host country and not my passport country, this is my home. To return to my passport country would have been more disruptive to my life than remaining here.	5/1/2020 6:45 AM
54	Original flights for HMA were cancelled.	5/1/2020 6:23 AM
55	Absence of fear.	5/1/2020 6:17 AM
56	We didn't consider to go back to our home country	5/1/2020 6:15 AM
57	We had already returned to the U.S. for our planned HMA prior to the heavy restrictions.	5/1/2020 6:15 AM
58	We firmly feel called to stay here indefinitely and continue to strive towards making that a reality. We realize our support and finances are a question mark as the world changes, but rather than leave we'd try to find an alternative that keeps us here. Plus, sad to say, I feel safer and feel like I have better health care resources here than where we're from.	5/1/2020 5:47 AM
59	Our call as a couple. The severity of the situation where we live. Our situation was never that serious, where we had to make this decision. We are still serving on the field.	5/1/2020 5:44 AM
60	We are on HMA now and were already unsure of whether we could return to our field, due to visa troubles we were having there. The pandemic has put all our plans on hold.	5/1/2020 5:31 AM
61	Did not consider returning home.	5/1/2020 5:22 AM
62	If we went all the way back to the US, we'd still be in isolation, but without a real place to live.	5/1/2020 5:10 AM
63	How much support we needed to raise and if my husband and I would be separated	5/1/2020 5:02 AM
64	We did what GOD told us to do. Our mission had not called us to our home country, so we stayed in Europe.	5/1/2020 4:07 AM
65	We didn't even consider returning. We're here long term, so this is where we feel called to be.	5/1/2020 4:02 AM
66	My ministry is here, my home is here and my spouse is here	5/1/2020 3:39 AM
67	It did not seem at all practical to me to leave. I am in a safe location with access to good medical care, groceries, and other basic life needs. Traveling seemed like much more of a risk of contracting the virus than staying home.	5/1/2020 3:34 AM
68	It really wasn't a decision for us to stay honestly. Our home and lives are here in Germany now so it wasn't even a thought to leave.	5/1/2020 3:02 AM
69	Access to health care, living situation, and cost. We have all three here and leaving would've meant significant strain if we repatriated, so easy decision to stay on field.	5/1/2020 2:54 AM
70	Financial, proximity to family,	5/1/2020 2:40 AM
71	I considered what other missionaries were doing in my country, what my organization was saying, and if I would be allowed to return to my host country within a reasonable time.	5/1/2020 2:34 AM
72	It was no question for me to remain. My main community is here and my work is here. I am also bi-vocational and my other job cannot be done virtually.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
73	I'm all in and don't consider returning.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM

74	Greece very quickly implemented restrictions, and we had no real desire of returning early. We have a home ministry trip coming up in June, and we are waiting to see what the situation will be then...	5/1/2020 2:23 AM
75	We didn't even consider returning. It never even came up as an idea.	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
76	We are in the States, as planned, and can't return in July as we had hoped.	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
77	We have been well settled into our place of ministry for close to 38 years. We have more connections with the local country and culture and will remain in place. Our local situation is most likely the safest place we can be in the pandemic	5/1/2020 2:18 AM
78	We didn't really consider going back to our sending country; it never occurred to us. Our lives and ministries are on the field. God could have prompted us to go back if he chose, but there didn't seem to be any direction from God to go back.	5/1/2020 2:16 AM
79	Where home actually is for me	5/1/2020 2:03 AM
80	Scheduled travel, plans for events on both sides of the ocean.	5/1/2020 1:58 AM
81	We are dual citizens with grown and independent adult children, and have full access to excellent national health care and feel perfectly happy with their health care and safety practices in our host country (Rep of Ireland). BUT we happened to be on HMA in the USA this year. So our decision to be out of Europe and in the USA was not Covid-19 related.	5/1/2020 1:53 AM
82	We never really considered returning to our sending country because of the pandemic.	5/1/2020 1:50 AM
83	We remain called to serve and will stay put until God says otherwise trusting that God will make a way.	5/1/2020 1:43 AM
84	Our European country is our home. If we returned to USA we would be more dependent on other people who may have their own health, finance struggles.	5/1/2020 1:42 AM
85	Our ministry is here (Germany) and everyone is doing well at home.	5/1/2020 1:37 AM
86	There was nothing more I could do stateside than in Europe so why go Back	5/1/2020 1:36 AM
87	We considered availability of health care should it be needed, but other than that our decision has been based on being where God has called us to be in good seasons and in difficult ones.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
88	GEM encouraged us to remain in place, and I had no reason to consider returning since I was planning to be in Germany indefinitely.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
89	My husband is a national and I've been here over 9 years, so we consider Romania home. We were also happy with the restrictions put in place and the way it was being dealt with. It never ever crossed our minds to leave.	5/1/2020 1:34 AM
90	I had no choice as I'm national and live in situ	5/1/2020 1:32 AM
91	Available travel. Small children being exposed on the flight. More security in remaining.	5/1/2020 1:28 AM
92	We chose to stay, because this is where we are connected and have been called to. We have relationships here that we are building and believed the Father would grow them.	5/1/2020 1:19 AM
93	We are a long term mission, so we decided to stay on	5/1/2020 1:16 AM
94	Health care in country	5/1/2020 1:13 AM
95	We have remained as this is home for us and our family. This is where the Lord has called us. Most importantly, though, we felt that He wanted us to focus on staying here because there was specific work that He wanted us to engage in right in our community here during this crisis (which we see as a real opportunity for the Gospel).	5/1/2020 1:11 AM
96	I'm in my home country! (in Europe - this is my home)	5/1/2020 1:10 AM
97	No question about staying or going. We stayed, we did not go back to the states.	5/1/2020 1:10 AM
98	We considered the cost of moving back vs. staying put and raising support from here. We also considered the political and physical health of our home country vs. our host country. So far, we have chosen to stay overseas as long as God allows.	5/1/2020 1:08 AM
99	It wasn't a hard decision to remain where we are, I had at three month old at the time of the lockdown and have better health coverage in our country of service.	5/1/2020 1:05 AM
100	There was really no question--Corona doesn't change our calling or the need here. Helping family members back home had they fallen sick MIGHT have been a consideration, but with	5/1/2020 1:03 AM

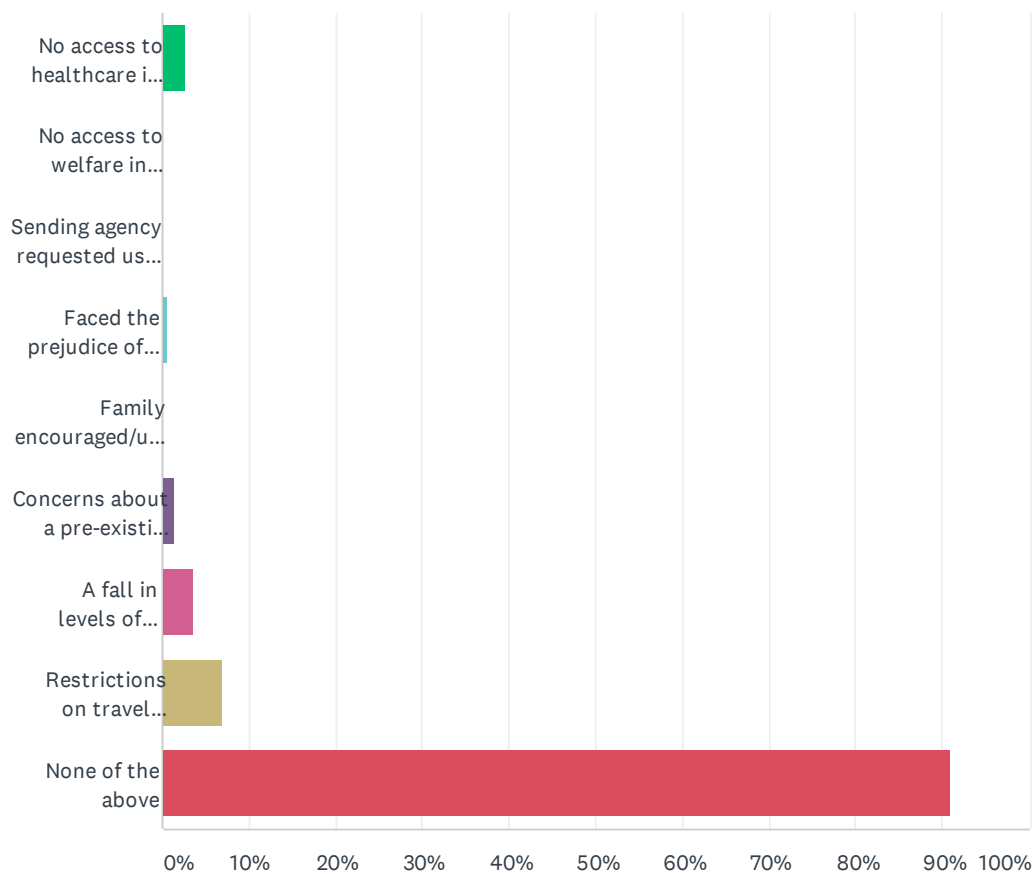
the restrictions in place that was pretty much impossible.

101	I frankly relied on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be where I am needed most. It was without any question that this (France) is where I need to be. All terrestrial issues (family, funding, etc) were of no consideration.	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
102	Did not even consider returning to our home country.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
103	Didn't really have a choice. We stayed put because people have been asked to remain in place. Leaving would create more problems, challenges, risks, and chaos, not to mention quarantines, etc.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
104	Future travel restrictions, support levels, family stability, and children's education.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
105	Stability, available health care, long-term implications for our family, opportunities for ministry	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
106	I can do more here than by returning to the US. There are alternative means to stay in contact with people and serve.	5/1/2020 1:01 AM
107	Better scenario in Germany presently	5/1/2020 12:57 AM
108	I arrived less than a year ago, so I never really considered returning home	5/1/2020 12:56 AM
109	Didn't really think about returning. Spain is home	4/30/2020 11:53 PM
110	What would local people think about me returning. Would I have a safe space in my home country to stay in for possibly a year.	4/30/2020 11:49 PM
111	Not considered returning home	4/30/2020 11:03 PM
112	- What would I do if I went back to my birth country? Where would I live? How would I be of use? What can I do here? What would it mean for those around me if I left/stayed? - It wasn't really something I had to think about too much. The answers were obvious - stay!	4/30/2020 10:37 PM
113	Didn't enter my mind. Live on same island as work in. Whether it's same country is an open discussion!	4/30/2020 10:01 PM
114	Why were we sent here? Are we genuinely at considerably-increased risk here? What can I achieve if I stay?	4/30/2020 9:57 PM
115	The decision to remain wasn't an issue	4/30/2020 9:29 PM
116	Who am I as a missionary? What is the mission God sent me to here? Do I want to feel what people here feel or do I want safety?	4/30/2020 9:26 PM
117	None, I never considered leaving my ministry place.	4/30/2020 9:23 PM
118	Did not consider it	4/30/2020 9:22 PM
119	Spain is our home. UK was never even contemplated	4/30/2020 9:14 PM
120	We didn't think about it at all.	4/30/2020 9:10 PM
121	Having an active home church to support us or not. Finding new jobs in the midst of the pandemic.	4/30/2020 9:03 PM
122	I did not ask the question. My home is where I live, not where I am born. And practically, it did not make sense. And what (gospel) message does it communicate?	4/30/2020 8:45 PM
123	Didn't make a decision. Just happened quickly. Because of adequate healthcare in our field country, our children being schooled here, nowhere obvious to live in our home country there was no need to leave.	4/30/2020 8:36 PM
124	To continue in the field, I considered the fact that God did not give orders to leave.	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
125	Bi-vocational healthcare work, meaning that I was needed here. Flight restrictions	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
126	This is my home. I didn't even consider not remaining here. We also have our healthcare here.	4/30/2020 8:26 PM
127	I was in the midst of furlough in my home assignment and then the shut down came. So I already was out of my mission country but in reality the mission field is my real home so I now feel a bit extracted not being able to return to the mission field in Italy due to the situation there	4/30/2020 8:21 PM
128	We did not consider returning to sending country as we have all the necessary provisions in country of service.	4/30/2020 8:12 PM

129	N.A.	4/30/2020 8:05 PM
130	It didn't cross my mind to leave the field as it's a pandemy and then it's bad everywhere... The needs are the same now, even bigger so I didn't considerer to leave the field...	4/30/2020 7:55 PM
131	How would this effect my testimony and witness to the local church. Is it absolutely necessary to leave?	4/30/2020 7:52 PM
132	I never even thought once about returning. But you should know that I come from one country and my spouse from another and our children from the country where we live now. Where would we return to? Whose 'home' will get us? It won't be 'home' to the rest of us!	4/30/2020 7:50 PM
133	I didn't even considered returning	4/30/2020 7:44 PM
134	Never considered leaving.	4/30/2020 7:41 PM
135	When we went to Spain to serve GOD through mission, we left everything behind. Apart from the family, we have NOTHING in our country of origin. Going back, whatever the situation, is not an option.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
136	We have bought our house in the mission field , so are home is here. In our sending country we do not have a place of our own.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
137	The fact that I am married to a national, with national children, meant return to my sending country was not an option. I would not have in any case, because there was no reason to. And I could not have, because once it become an issue, it was impossible to leave home, let alone the country.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
138	We didn't give returning any serious thought	4/30/2020 7:35 PM
139	The principle to stay at the place where God has sent me.	4/30/2020 7:31 PM
140	Even though we're from the U.S., our home is in Spain, and it didn't make sense to uproot our family. We actually feel at home and safer here than in the U.S.	4/30/2020 7:30 PM
141	German health care + EU stability	4/30/2020 7:29 PM
142	What would we miss the opportunity for if we left. Would things be any better back 'home'. Where would we base ourselves for quarantine and then live?	4/30/2020 7:28 PM
143	Being in the place that I consider to be home and where I can most effectively work.	4/30/2020 4:04 PM
144	Practicalities of travel Practicalities of housing if we returned to the UK Impact on our work Desire to see family but likely restrictions on access to family even if we were back in the UK	4/29/2020 8:35 PM

## Q2 Did any of the following prompt your return to your sending/home country? (tick all that apply)

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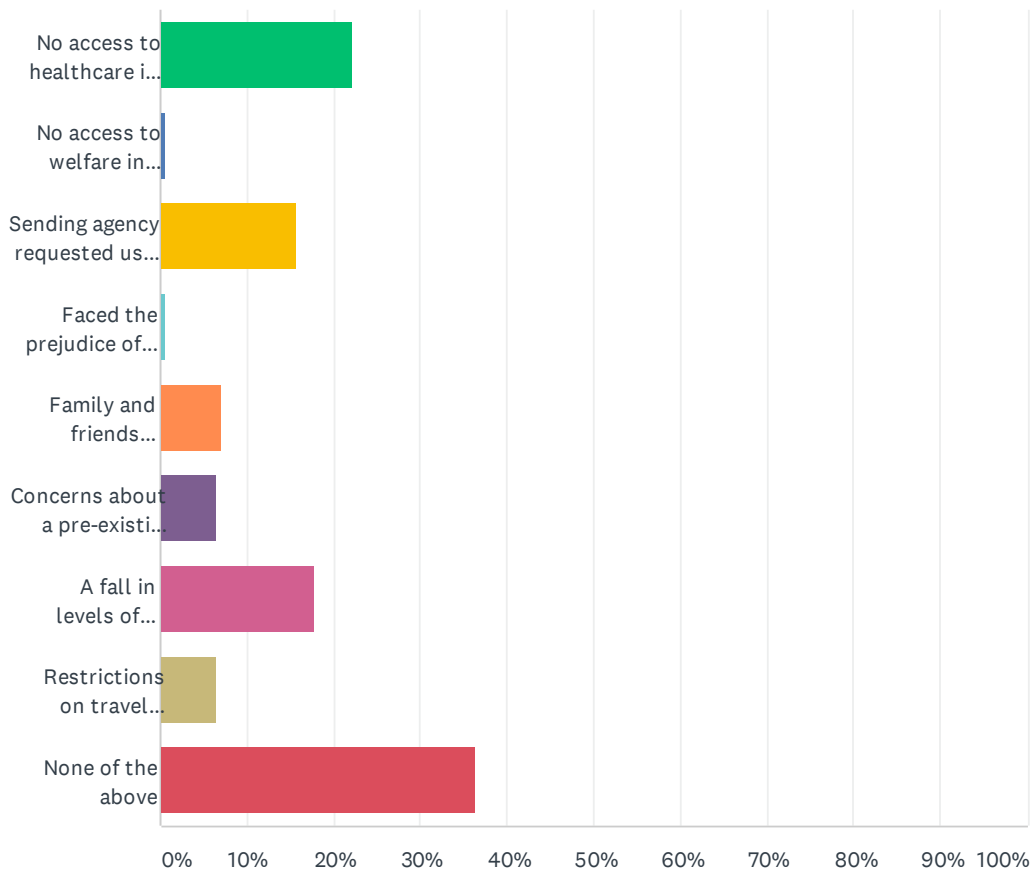


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No access to healthcare in country of service	2.80% 4
No access to welfare in country of service	0.00% 0
Sending agency requested us to return home	0.00% 0
Faced the prejudice of being considered a more likely carrier of COVID-19 than citizens	0.70% 1
Family encouraged/urged us to return home	0.00% 0
Concerns about a pre-existing health condition	1.40% 2
A fall in levels of financial support	3.50% 5
Restrictions on travel outside the country of service for the foreseeable future	6.99% 10
None of the above	90.91% 130
<b>Total Respondents: 143</b>	



### Q3 Which of these reasons to return, if any, would you consider the most important reason (tick only one, or leave blank)

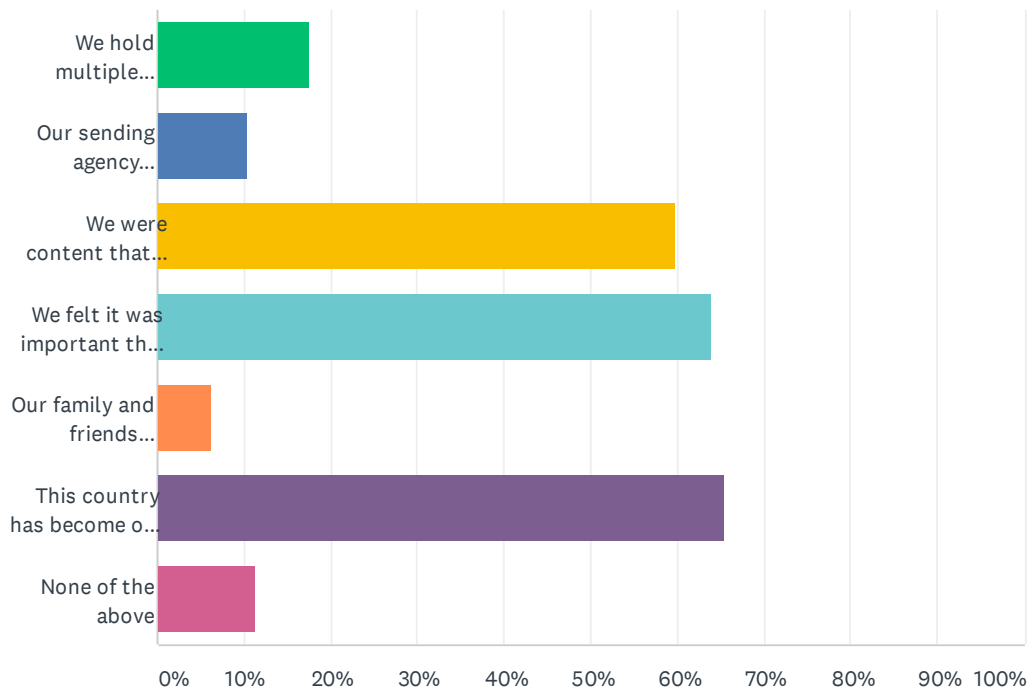
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No access to healthcare in country of service	22.14%	31
No access to welfare in country of service	0.71%	1
Sending agency requested us to return home	15.71%	22
Faced the prejudice of being considered a more likely carrier of COVID-19 than citizens	0.71%	1
Family and friends encouraged/urged us to return home	7.14%	10
Concerns about a pre-existing health condition	6.43%	9
A fall in levels of financial support	17.86%	25
Restrictions on travel outside the country of service for the foreseeable future	6.43%	9
None of the above	36.43%	51
Total Respondents: 140		

## Q4 Where you took the decision to remain in your country of service, which of the following reasons were important? (tick all that apply)

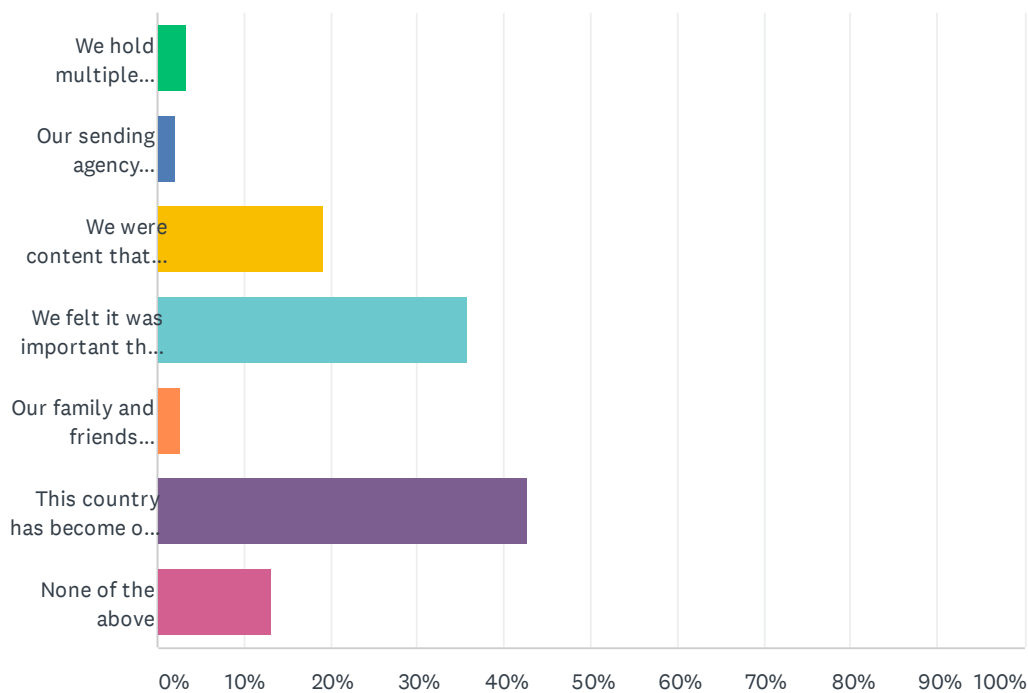
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We hold multiple citizenships in our family	17.61%	25
Our sending agency encouraged us to remain in the country of service	10.56%	15
We were content that access to healthcare was adequate for us.	59.86%	85
We felt it was important that we remained	64.08%	91
Our family and friends encouraged us to remain in the country of service	6.34%	9
This country has become our home.	65.49%	93
None of the above	11.27%	16
Total Respondents: 142		

## Q5 Which of these reasons to remain, if any, would you consider the most important reason (tick only one, or leave blank)

Answered: 145 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We hold multiple citizenships in our family	3.45%	5
Our sending agency encouraged us to remain in the country of service	2.07%	3
We were content that access to healthcare was adequate for us.	19.31%	28
We felt it was important that we remained	35.86%	52
Our family and friends encouraged us to remain in the country of service	2.76%	4
This country has become our home.	42.76%	62
None of the above	13.10%	19
Total Respondents: 145		

Q6 Do you think there is anything unique about being a missionary in Europe that had a bearing on your decision, whether you chose to return or to remain?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 16

A word cloud visualization of responses to the question. The words are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with 'Europe' and 'God' being the largest and most prominent words. Other significant words include 'healthcare', 'country', 'return', 'missionary', 'live', 'people', 'time', 'service', 'situation', 'stay', 'health care', 'good', 'think', 'us', 'worse', 'God called', 'believe', 'send', 'country', 'want', 'return', 'ministry', 'parts', 'time', 'serve', 'may', 'call', 'led', 'access', 'access healthcare', 'home', 'country', 'easier', 'good healthcare', 'leave', 'adequate', 'see', 'place', 'makes', 'resources', 'home', 'different', 'support', 'Nothing', 'need', 'felt', 'really', 'feel', 'situation', 'service', 'stay', 'things', 'health care', 'system', 'healthcare', 'return home', 'country', 'remain', 'good', 'unique', 'worse', 'us', 'God called', 'God', 'believe', 'think', 'sending country', 'live', 'want', 'return', 'ministry', 'people', 'parts', 'time', 'serve', 'missionary', 'may', 'call', 'led', 'access', 'access healthcare', 'home', 'country', 'easier', 'good healthcare'.

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The fact to live not so far away from our Home Countries.	5/4/2020 1:57 AM
2	Europe, especially Sweden, prides itself on a modest approach. There was no hoarding; no overt panic.	5/3/2020 6:10 PM
3	Yes. Europe has adequate resources and infrastructure for the most part. I did not lack basic needs.	5/3/2020 8:05 AM
4	health care and communications are good in Europe	5/3/2020 6:18 AM
5	no	5/3/2020 4:42 AM
6	We have several young children and disrupting our first year with an extended return to the US would have been detrimental to our transition.	5/3/2020 4:05 AM
7	Here in Europe it actually feels more stable than in North America and it's a peaceful atmosphere as the Europeans seem to be taking it all in stride.	5/3/2020 12:59 AM
8	Being Europeans ourselves and living in Greece, we never felt that far away from our home countries. We visit every 18 months, that being possible because of European budget airlines.	5/2/2020 10:03 PM
9	No	5/2/2020 9:32 PM
10	There are generally good health systems, and the crisis is a good opportunity to implement our testimony.	5/2/2020 7:34 PM
11	The Lord is my Guide. I seek His counsel whether to stay or return.	5/2/2020 5:17 AM
12	Healthcare and good governments over us in Western Europe. It might have been different in Eastern Europe	5/2/2020 4:24 AM
13	It makes all that is happening in our lives just a bit more complicated.	5/2/2020 1:50 AM
14	Most of us in Europe have access to healthcare. The reason we are here calls us to stay even more so now.	5/2/2020 1:04 AM
15	Considering some of our friends serve in less developed countries decided to go home, I believe that being in a country with a well-developed economic and healthcare system played a part in our decision to feel comfortable remaining.	5/2/2020 12:59 AM
16	God did not tell me to leave.	5/1/2020 11:59 PM
17	There is good health care in Europe however it has also been hit badly by the virus. Everything happened so quickly and our home being in Australia it wasn't even a serious option to fly back.	5/1/2020 11:48 PM
18	Europe is such a big place and so different depending on where you are locate. Perhaps good healthcare where we live. Perhaps seeing our home country in denial while the numbers crept up and not wanting to trade one frying-pan for another. I think it has very little to do with "Europe" but rather who we are as workers.	5/1/2020 11:17 PM
19	The situation in North-Eastern Germany is probably better, than in the Netherlands. The number of infected people is relatively low and the quality of healthcare is comparable.	5/1/2020 11:13 PM
20	I don't really think geography is the main consideration for me. But I think I need to be here to maintain and grow relationships with the people I serve, to walk alongside them (albeit mainly in a digital capacity) as they navigate this time. Plus, with people being confronted with their own mortality due to this health crisis, it's a crucial time to share the gospel. And it's a difficult time for churches on the ground here, and I want to support and encourage my local church.	5/1/2020 11:03 PM
21	Trust takes a long time to establish--"running away" in the face of trouble that others are facing can cause people in my country to feel abandoned.	5/1/2020 10:08 PM
22	Being a UK citizen I have obtained a residency permit in Romania, which makes things easier being away from home for a significant period of time	5/1/2020 10:02 PM
23	Not having citizenship in our country of service makes staying complicated.	5/1/2020 9:39 PM
24	More than ever, Europe needs the Gospel of Christ.	5/1/2020 9:31 PM
25	-	5/1/2020 9:20 PM
26	No, just that this is where we live and serve. This is our home.	5/1/2020 9:02 PM



27	Yes, obeying the Father who had blessed us with the call to serve here and His perfect timing of our return in Feb. 2020.	5/1/2020 8:59 PM
28	It is basically obedience to God's call. Full stop.	5/1/2020 8:38 PM
29	The fact that the healthcare systems in Europe are generally very modern.	5/1/2020 8:19 PM
30	I think Western European countries do a good job of caring for their people, which leads to a feeling of security and calm. The focus on caring for the people, first, over economic stability or individualism made me want to stay here versus returning to America.	5/1/2020 8:14 PM
31	I believe that I need to be faithful to my calling.	5/1/2020 8:09 PM
32	Really not sure I follow the question.	5/1/2020 7:13 PM
33	the healthcare in western Europe is as good as what we would get in the States (and cheaper). In terms of COVID related reasons, there really was no good reason to go back.	5/1/2020 6:37 PM
34	We are dual citizens and have an adult son who lives in Europe.	5/1/2020 6:11 PM
35	In spite of the fact that a lot of what I do as a missionary could be done from any location, I have been content to remain in Spain in order to offer support emotional support and encouragement to my team, my colleagues and my friends. I have felt that it has been important to have on-going contact with one another since we're all going through this together. Spain feels more like home than the US.	5/1/2020 6:05 PM
36	We have access to adequate supplies, medical care, and we have a large community of expats here.	5/1/2020 4:59 PM
37	No more that if God had sent us elsewhere.	5/1/2020 4:50 PM
38	A feeling that we will receive better care if necessary in Europe.	5/1/2020 4:34 PM
39	The situation at home might be worse (or similar) to where we came from.	5/1/2020 4:20 PM
40	Nothing particularly.	5/1/2020 3:37 PM
41	We live in a good country in Europe with a high standards of medical care, General safety, and close friendships that some places do not have. Even with places that are more challenging, many of our missionary friends stayed in place. Unless there are other significant factors that would have called a missionary to return, I don't see a pandemic changing anything for most missionaries on the field.	5/1/2020 3:15 PM
42	It is physically a much easier place of service than other parts of the world. Communication and healthcare are usually acceptable, so in a pandemic you may worry less.	5/1/2020 2:55 PM
43	The work that I do here is very specific and have very few people working in this ministry.	5/1/2020 10:42 AM
44	Europe has good medical care so we would have stayed if we had been caught there.	5/1/2020 8:17 AM
45	Healthcare and government roughly as good - or better - than our home country.	5/1/2020 8:02 AM
46	I don't think there is anything unique about the particular part of Europe that we're in that had a bearing on that decision.	5/1/2020 7:36 AM
47	No	5/1/2020 7:02 AM
48	I have been called by God to this place for this time. He has not instructed me to return to my passport country, so here I remain.	5/1/2020 6:45 AM
49	Financial support	5/1/2020 6:23 AM
50	perfect love casts out all fear	5/1/2020 6:17 AM
51	N/a due to our previous plans to return during this time anyway	5/1/2020 6:15 AM
52	In our situation, we are not lacking in social or healthcare support that might make us question whether it's safe to stay. Sadly, not everyone is in that situation, or in the situation to leave if there was a lack of such resources. It makes us both grateful and very heavy-hearted.	5/1/2020 5:47 AM
53	No.	5/1/2020 5:44 AM
54	We did not have the opportunity to make a decision either way, due to the very strict visa requirements in our country of service.	5/1/2020 5:31 AM
55	not really	5/1/2020 5:22 AM

56	Covid is far worse in Europe than anywhere else, but also support levels and what life looks like in each place.	5/1/2020 5:10 AM
57	When I left, Europe was the hot spot	5/1/2020 5:02 AM
58	If we were in a country that had no health care, we may had returned. We were safe here and felt led by God to remain.	5/1/2020 4:07 AM
59	No	5/1/2020 3:39 AM
60	Each European country is different, but where I am, I felt confident in the government's decision-making processes and their ability to assure adequate health care, food availability, etc.	5/1/2020 3:34 AM
61	We do feel like God has us here for this time/season and even though we don't know how God will use us, we know God led us here and did not hear from God to leave.	5/1/2020 3:02 AM
62	Yes. Public health care and available supports.	5/1/2020 2:54 AM
63	No, but to be honest...I knew I didn't want to return to my home country because it seems to be worse there.	5/1/2020 2:34 AM
64	Depending on ministry, yes. In times of crisis, we may be the only personal connection someone has to the Gospel, even if we are only a virtual connection, it is easier to be that connection when in the same situation not to mention same time zone.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
65	no	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
66	Not really. We have good access to health care, as I believe most of Europe has. And Greece's restrictions have been exemplary to other countries.	5/1/2020 2:23 AM
67	No. Our access to healthcare is not good but God didn't tell us to go home	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
68	Europe is about the same as the USA for medical services and corona protection	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
69	Perhaps that the resources here are as good as anywhere in the USA for dealing with the virus	5/1/2020 2:18 AM
70	Better healthcare	5/1/2020 2:03 AM
71	Normally travel back and forth is quite simple, so that my normal schedule includes two trips back and forth each year.	5/1/2020 1:58 AM
72	See my answer to Question 1. I think that visa, family healthcare, and support issues are all important concerns. We are doing our current HMA in part because of support, but primarily because of the urgent needs of elderly parents (in their 90s). Not Covid-19 related.	5/1/2020 1:53 AM
73	No	5/1/2020 1:50 AM
74	Honestly, we're called to serve here and this is our home. It has nothing to do with location and everything to do with a call from God.	5/1/2020 1:43 AM
75	Not really	5/1/2020 1:42 AM
76	Excellent health care system and good access electronically to continue ministry.	5/1/2020 1:37 AM
77	I have an NGO here continuing to need my help.	5/1/2020 1:36 AM
78	No, our decision would be the same regardless of field of service.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
79	I think that the overall access to good healthcare and the first-world access to things are unique to Europe.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
80	Access to medical care (even Romania), accessible food and supplies, ability to self isolate, supportive friends, church and family here.	5/1/2020 1:34 AM
81	Reach my own people.	5/1/2020 1:32 AM
82	Europe is mostly made up of first-world countries (my host country being one of them), so the resources and capability of our country being able to recover from such a situation is fairly high compared to other regions of service.	5/1/2020 1:28 AM
83	We have built relationships here that we want to see how the Lord would grow them and he has.	5/1/2020 1:19 AM
84	You can see the need for God.	5/1/2020 1:16 AM
85	Excellent health care.	5/1/2020 1:13 AM

86	Nothing in particular other than the real sense that God had called us here and wanted us to remain at this point.	5/1/2020 1:11 AM
87	God didn't tell us to leave.	5/1/2020 1:10 AM
88	Adequate access to healthcare in Europe might have made the difference.	5/1/2020 1:05 AM
89	Calling and need, as mentioned in #1 above. (Do you mean unique about "being a missionary" or unique about "in Europe"?)	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
90	Nothing unique...God's call to remain is a call to remain	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
91	We do not face the same concerns about available health care that likely missionaries in some lesser developed countries face.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
92	No.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
93	No.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
94	Europe was taking serious and reasonable measures and overall has good healthcare; however, where we were located (on an island), the situation was a bit different.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
95	People need the Gospel here as much as elsewhere. It is true that people may have access to a Bible or its easier to attend a church, but they have been ignoring these means of access to God for decades.	5/1/2020 1:01 AM
96	no	5/1/2020 12:57 AM
97	No.	4/30/2020 11:53 PM
98	Europe generally has a solid health care system, which even under stress would function similar to my home country.	4/30/2020 11:49 PM
99	It's not much of a cultural leap from uk to Spain	4/30/2020 11:03 PM
100	God called me here. If I die from the virus, I gain. If I get it and recover, I learn. If I don't get it, I can praise God for his protection and think how I can help others. (Missionary/Christian) Also as an M, my finances are slightly more secure than if I were working in a job that then stopped paying me. So, financial security allows me to stay.	4/30/2020 10:37 PM
101	No	4/30/2020 10:01 PM
102	no - for us it was a whole-family decision with multiple factors - possibility to continue to work - albeit differently, ongoing schooling for kids, no home to return to in sending country, team-members around us	4/30/2020 9:57 PM
103	No	4/30/2020 9:29 PM
104	God called us to a mission to be present as Christians, to help the poor and oppressed, to help in situations of need. What makes us to change that mission in situations of need?	4/30/2020 9:26 PM
105	No. I would have made the same decision anywhere in the world. Except if my sending organisation would have obliged me to leave, that would be a tricky situation.	4/30/2020 9:23 PM
106	The healthcare resources are the same as in sending country and we are covered for healthcare here. UK has effectively kicked us out of their system	4/30/2020 9:14 PM
107	Na	4/30/2020 9:10 PM
108	Financial insecurity upon returning home.	4/30/2020 9:03 PM
109	No. I don't see myself as an expat. I don't represent a country but God. As said before, the question never came to my mind. My nationality was never an issue. Where we live is. And we don't live in our countries of birth.	4/30/2020 8:45 PM
110	As opposed to other countries? The healthcare available As opposed to being a normal foreigner in Europe - I would have thought about how leaving would have affected my witness.	4/30/2020 8:36 PM
111	I think we must walk through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The missionary has no will of his own, God is the one who says what must be done because he knows the best for each one of us.	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
112	Standard of healthcare is very similar to sending country, but the disease is much more widespread here than in sending country	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
113	The healthcare available is good. So we had no worries about whether we'd be safer in our home countries.	4/30/2020 8:26 PM

114	Not really, no.	4/30/2020 8:12 PM
115	No	4/30/2020 8:05 PM
116	I don't think there is something special about being missionary in Europe but I believe we'll have a bigger impact on people around when we don't leave the boat in time of crisis and we can be a model of faith.	4/30/2020 7:55 PM
117	Not really. As already stated, where is home? what is home? whose home 'wins' when it comes to choosing?	4/30/2020 7:50 PM
118	We are in the middle of the pandemia, it is important to stay, testify and help , not to run away !	4/30/2020 7:44 PM
119	Many countries have good health care	4/30/2020 7:41 PM
120	An important value is identifying with local people. Be like them, including difficult things. Don't run away.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
121	You know that you are in Gods Hands.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
122	The situation was worse in (parts of) Europe than in the rest of the world, which makes return home more likely. For missionaries in other continents but from European countries, the decision to remain would be more likely, as it would be safer where the missionary lived rather than in the sending country.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
123	Not really. We didn't consider returning home because this is a worldwide pandemic and traveling increases the risk of infection and transmission.	4/30/2020 7:35 PM
124	no	4/30/2020 7:31 PM
125	There is good healthcare in Europe (and in Spain where we live), so we didn't feel it was necessary to evacuate because of the health crisis.	4/30/2020 7:30 PM
126	Health care is good in EU	4/30/2020 7:29 PM
127	Not that I am aware of	4/30/2020 7:28 PM
128	No	4/30/2020 4:04 PM
129	I think the relative similarities and vulnerabilities of European countries meant that it was harder to decide whether things would be better if we stayed or returned.	4/29/2020 8:35 PM

# Q7 In what ways do you feel your mission service has been impacted by COVID-19 related restrictions?

Answered: 142 Skipped: 3

messages plans continue restricted together country new open impacted short term teams one  
open doors face-to face neighbours happening families groups connect people restrictions  
chat Zoom visit forced t relationships means changed possible training outside  
home think ways without face face currently now days person  
challenging much focus time others online inability  
meetings etc ministry work home people  
connections work stopped travel opportunity also students contact  
touch church able meet community neighbors able return us gathering many  
allowed lot might cancelled less contact see increased makes Unable God takes serve  
situation reach relational weeks Church services calls support limited creative s things interactions  
personal services hold



#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Since weeks we can't leave home -	5/4/2020 1:57 AM
2	Church services going online without proper equipment or training.	5/3/2020 6:10 PM
3	We left early for our daughters wedding and for the birth of our Grandchild due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Our intention was to only be gone for about 3 weeks and now it could be as long as 3 months.	5/3/2020 8:16 AM
4	My local ministry, an ngo, is currently engaging with the community on a very limited basis outside of online services. I am home most days. Also no travel outside of the country is limiting. And I am not currently able to engage much with local community or church family.	5/3/2020 8:05 AM
5	We hope that it will prompt a rethinking of ministry and outreach across Europe and in ourselves.	5/3/2020 6:18 AM
6	Just less mobile to visit and do personal work with individuals.	5/3/2020 4:42 AM
7	Minimally other than doing more online.	5/3/2020 4:05 AM
8	I was supposed to attend a training workshop overseas and go to document a ministry in another European country, both of which had to be cancelled. Also future coworkers are having a difficult time raising support to come and join us in Europe.	5/3/2020 12:59 AM
9	Anything that involved human contact has been postponed or cancelled. For me that is camps, small groups and events, for my wife it is the closing of the Roma community center. Regardless of that, we are able to serve and reach out to people in virtual ways through video calls and messages.	5/2/2020 10:03 PM
10	Some forms of street evangelism currently not possible	5/2/2020 9:32 PM
11	In our attitude to the fear generated by the pandemic. Our solidarity, social aid. The Gospel is a message of hope even in the worst case, death.	5/2/2020 7:34 PM
12	It's helped us to think more creatively on how to minister to people.	5/2/2020 5:17 AM
13	can't travel to my countries that I'm directing the conference for European leaders I organized could not happen face to face, but did on zoom	5/2/2020 4:24 AM
14	We now have a united way to relate to one another but relating is now done primarily through Zoom. We are all living an entirely different way of life and for missions (being relational) at least half of what each person does is on hold.	5/2/2020 1:50 AM
15	very challenging to share the gospel, disciple, be a presence in the community, and reach the lost as many might be more open right now to want to know more about Jesus	5/2/2020 1:04 AM
16	Much of my ministry (1:1 discipleship) easily shifted to online meetings... in a practical sense, it hasn't been a terribly difficult transition.	5/2/2020 12:59 AM
17	it's on line but also closer to home. My mission field has become my neighbors and they have become open.	5/1/2020 11:59 PM
18	Hugely, we can't see anyone at the moment and face-to-face relationship building is essential in church planting. We often wonder 'why are we here? what can we offer or do?' All plans for the rest of the year are now up in the air. We were hoping to open a Christian hostel on the Camino de Santiago but that is looking very unlikely for quite some time.	5/1/2020 11:48 PM
19	Our ministry has been changed quite a bit for the time being. A lot less access to the people we are working with.	5/1/2020 11:46 PM
20	ZOOM fatigue? Increase in stress due to confinement and only very limited personal contact with co-workers or intended benefactors of our labor. Increased stress levels due to our country of service became a police state overnight.	5/1/2020 11:17 PM
21	We have to spend a lot of time with our 3 young children, which gives us little time to do other things. We want to bring people together, but this is not allowed. We can't meet as a biblegroup in our home.	5/1/2020 11:13 PM
22	I serve in Belarus, and the government hasn't really imposed too many restrictions here. But we chose to cancel our English classes for the time being (three weeks later, a number of people in the facility where we meet tested positive for COVID-19 so I really think that was God's leading to protect our students). But I'm still in touch with most of my students via messaging and texting, and I'm still assigning homework every week. One of my small groups is meeting over Skype. The other has switched to an individual Bible reading plan but we have a group chat where we message regularly. My local church now streams on	5/1/2020 11:03 PM

	YouTube and has prayer meetings on Zoom. I miss seeing people face to face, but God is still at work here.	
23	I usually meet people face to face--many are older and not into tech stuff--so I miss that and especially meeting with groups	5/1/2020 10:08 PM
24	All meetings have been cancelled with children, youth and families. We have adopted new ways of working, by preparing kids clubs via Youtube. This has been successful, but is not the same as meeting together.	5/1/2020 10:02 PM
25	Not having time physically around those we are serving.	5/1/2020 9:39 PM
26	For me, there are no restrictions. We are simply serving in a new way and God is opening the way and using this situation for His Glory.	5/1/2020 9:31 PM
27	The center is not open for many people. But on the street I can reach out to many.	5/1/2020 9:20 PM
28	It's changed, but we feel we are still able to do effective ministry. Of course, not nearly as much day to day contact with people in our community. So it's mostly the "wide pool" persons-of-peace we've had less contact with. As we aren't necessarily "online friends."	5/1/2020 9:02 PM
29	It has pushed us into new areas of ministering through video, and to lean back into Jesus-to listen to Him.	5/1/2020 8:59 PM
30	For the moment, we have greater opportunities on zoom. We shall have to see the long term effect of Coronavirus and also how much it could impede travel and movement and indeed personal health risks. If the situation remains "dangerous" and impeding until after December 2020, then it could become serious for our ministry.	5/1/2020 8:38 PM
31	All of our work is from home now. Also, many more people require media, and so the demand for our services has increased. Our ability to make future plans and connections has diminished some what.	5/1/2020 8:19 PM
32	I have seen it open doors to relationship with neighbors in ways that would not have happened without being required to stay home.	5/1/2020 8:14 PM
33	We couldn't be with the kids in person. But we did it online.	5/1/2020 8:09 PM
34	Simply the inability to meet people face to face.	5/1/2020 7:13 PM
35	I'm not able to meet with students face to face. I'm also not been allowed to teach English at the schools and therefore, I haven't been able to meet new students.	5/1/2020 6:59 PM
36	I'm the field leader so my ministry is more my team than a local ministry. Helping people walk through this with their own families and ministries can be challenging but we've seen good God-surprises as he brings people to us that we wouldn't have had contact with otherwise.	5/1/2020 6:37 PM
37	Not able to travel which has forced more meetings on Zoom. Church & small group meetings also forced to move to Zoom. Making connections continues, but miss the F2F.	5/1/2020 6:11 PM
38	In many ways not at all, because a lot of what I do takes place through on-line meetings and/or conversations. if anything, that part of my work has increased significantly However, many of the activities of which I'm involved in my community have suffered. We're trying to continue some of those via Zoom but others we've had to stop completely. Hopefully, we can resume some of those after the summer.	5/1/2020 6:05 PM
39	Isolation goes counter to discipleship making by its very nature. Feeling disconnected slows productivity.	5/1/2020 5:13 PM
40	My office supports short term teams and we have had to cancel a number of trips.	5/1/2020 4:59 PM
41	Gathering restrictions, unable to minister in parks, meet with others, trainings cancelled, etc.	5/1/2020 4:50 PM
42	The church we planted and other ministries are all from a distance now.	5/1/2020 4:34 PM
43	Unable to see people face to face	5/1/2020 4:20 PM
44	Unable to physically meet together for our Biennial conference, and summer regional gatherings look doubtful. Zoom is not the same! Our mission has a much greater focus on praying together regularly as a result of this situation. We have been forced to think of different ways of doing mission, training, and meetings.	5/1/2020 3:37 PM
45	It's been much more challenging to connect with the scattered people I've trained and am training. I much prefer in person, but am working a lot online and by phone. As restrictions lift, things are getting much faster very quickly. I'll be curious to see if this makes more open	5/1/2020 3:15 PM

	doors to the Gospel. There seems to be a few cases where this is happening, but it's hard to tell if this is just a few cases or a larger change.	
46	90% of my ministry is relational, so not being present with people is a big obstacle.	5/1/2020 2:55 PM
47	All of it. I work with victims of sex trafficking and it relies on face to face communication. It has been completely revamped PLUS we are seeing so many urgent needs.	5/1/2020 10:42 AM
48	Completely since we were not allowed to return because of travel restrictions. But it has given us time to call nationals and supporters alike. They are very thankful for the calls.	5/1/2020 8:17 AM
49	Sad we haven't gone through this time with the people we work with, but have kept in regular touch.	5/1/2020 8:02 AM
50	All activities (involving the gathering of people) have been stopped and this was a considerable part of our weekly work. Another considerable part of our work week involves home visits and informal meetings with people for coffee, which have obviously also been stopped. We haven't been eligible for work-related movement permits so we can't leave home except for essential shopping. Travel plans for both team meetings and home assignment have been cancelled.	5/1/2020 7:36 AM
51	Lack of ability to meet with people. Lack of ability to take ongoing language lessons.	5/1/2020 7:02 AM
52	My ministry focus is leading short-term teams across Europe. That has absolutely ground to a halt with no indication of when this type of ministry might resume (both from the sending and receiving sides of the equation).	5/1/2020 6:45 AM
53	Short term teams have had to be cancelled. Everyone working from home.	5/1/2020 6:23 AM
54	In no way	5/1/2020 6:17 AM
55	No reunions except by zoom. More telephone calls and use of new technologies	5/1/2020 6:15 AM
56	Everything online, restricts personal presence, which is significant for ministry	5/1/2020 6:15 AM
57	We've had to take everything online, which changes the social dynamics but since society as a whole is experiencing this there are some benefits too, maybe the potential to reach people who wouldn't show up in person but might chat online. Long term we'll just have to get creative.	5/1/2020 5:47 AM
58	So far it has just been impacted by the means that we connect with people.	5/1/2020 5:44 AM
59	The pandemic restrictions have halted visa processing in our country of service, which makes it impossible for us to return for the time being. Our HMA has become indefinite until that changes.	5/1/2020 5:31 AM
60	many more online meetings, less in person meetings, more contact with neighbors, some more in depth spiritual conversations with non believing friends	5/1/2020 5:22 AM
61	All in-person ministry is obviously gone right now.	5/1/2020 5:10 AM
62	I can't go home to Germany. I can't serve there.	5/1/2020 5:02 AM
63	All of our interns were called home (it turns out, that it was for the best). My husband works for a ministry to the poor and homeless and can not serve there now.	5/1/2020 4:07 AM
64	In lockdown since March 23, we have not been able to do much of what we had been doing prior. But we're still able to encourage, equip, teach and share the gospel via messages, calls, in person from 2m away etc. Our time has also being limited while adjusting to home school with schools shut down, but we're trusting the Lord to do more with our less.	5/1/2020 4:02 AM
65	Strengthened God's word in availability, and openness to internet solutions for our pastors	5/1/2020 3:39 AM
66	I work mostly with university students, and we are certainly not able to continue with our regular activities. But we were able to reimagine ways to stay in contact and have continued a regular "program" of sorts by videoconference. However, we are seeing only a small fraction of the students we would normally see. We also don't know what will happen after the confinement. University classes are not scheduled to resume, which means any students who can leave will do so (if they haven't already). But international students may be stuck, without classes and potentially with limited financial resources. So we will need to reimagine ministry again in a few weeks.	5/1/2020 3:34 AM
67	Greatly. It is super challenging to not be able to meet in person as so much of the time is relational and it just does not translate the same through video chatting or may not be possible.	5/1/2020 3:02 AM

68	In person ministry of course had stopped but we're still able to do much of it online, just restricted to current networks.	5/1/2020 2:54 AM
69	Mostly that all meetings and interactions are now held online. Large events have been canceled.	5/1/2020 2:40 AM
70	We've had to cancel conferences and rethink how we reach the families we serve. We are currently in the process of creating content for virtual meetings for our families.	5/1/2020 2:34 AM
71	'Fringe' relationships and ministry has dropped off. Had to refocus for this time and looking ahead.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
72	I continue to do the training I do - but all of it is online. That is difficult and is less conducive to developing community. It is difficult with the extra burden of having to do home schooling at the same time. It is also blessing to spend more time with my child.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
73	We have had to think out of the box and get accustomed to other forms of ministry.	5/1/2020 2:23 AM
74	Not at all in terms of volume of work, just changing to online format.	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
75	Lack of travel, can't do short term teams	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
76	Only in the sense that we can have fewer face to face meetings and conversations	5/1/2020 2:18 AM
77	The inability to meet with people in person is a huge impact. There's only so much you can accomplish through virtual connections.	5/1/2020 2:16 AM
78	Can't work from home	5/1/2020 2:03 AM
79	I may not be able to return to my country of service for important ministry there this summer.	5/1/2020 1:58 AM
80	We aim to continue to live on mission wherever we are.. But the limitation on social connection, travel and such have forced us to reach out and connect with people who are far from God in different ways. It's been valuable to step back and ask Jesus WHO we need to prioritise and HOW He wants us to connect with them.	5/1/2020 1:53 AM
81	I'm not really sure. We haven't had a lot of feedback from them specifically regarding the impact. The only tangible effect to this point has been that we can't meet face to face.	5/1/2020 1:50 AM
82	The pandemic has given more opportunity to speak of God and faith and reach out via platforms I would not have considered before. On-line services and zoom calls have been great in this culture where people value privacy and demonstrate reluctance to come to church.	5/1/2020 1:43 AM
83	Lots of speaking engagements have been canceled. More difficult to connect with people.	5/1/2020 1:42 AM
84	Fewer face to face contacts and no group contact. No opportunity to meet develop relationships with new non-believers.	5/1/2020 1:37 AM
85	The NGO HAD TO SHUT ITS DOORS FOR THIS PERIOD. Also not able to work w orphans for their spiritual , physical and emotional development.	5/1/2020 1:36 AM
86	Things are much more quiet in our place of ministry but we've had better opportunities to reach into other areas of our community.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
87	We've had to "postpone" over 20 short-term missions projects that we were organizing between April-August. So our work is not focused on "office work" at home, instead of traveling and leading short-term mission teams. My local ministry in working with a local basketball club is completely non-existent right now as the club is not allowed to have games or practice, and the social distancing guidelines don't allow for much/any interaction.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
88	Can't do face to face kids work, loads of events, activities, trainings all cancelled. Some online things happening, but certainly less than the physical ones.	5/1/2020 1:34 AM
89	Travelling issues. Secure distance between people.	5/1/2020 1:32 AM
90	Face-to-face ministry is crucial in any ministry, so that's been restricted to virtual interaction. Relationships/interactions with those outside our church has actually increased (neighbors, etc). It's forced us to be more creative in how we care and help grow the people we're serving. It's actually increased some conversations dealing with the bigger questions regarding faith, as people wrestle with them a bit more while in crisis.	5/1/2020 1:28 AM
91	We have been able to connect with our neighbours that we might have achieved at some point, but we have been able to connect with them and open doors much sooner.	5/1/2020 1:19 AM
92	We have to switch our gathering to online services.	5/1/2020 1:16 AM

93	Meeting with groups.	5/1/2020 1:13 AM
94	It has helped us to focus more locally and look for unique opportunities to reach out within the constraints placed on us. We have been reaching out through prayer walking, spiritual conversations, notes of encouragement, sharing Scripture as there was opening, and leveraging online/social media to engage with people.	5/1/2020 1:11 AM
95	My ministry requires a lot of travel and I have not been able to do that.	5/1/2020 1:10 AM
96	We serve at Black Forest Academy in Germany and the closing of borders all over the world has impacted our lives greatly. We also have experienced a growth in opportunities to share our faith with more people in our community outside of the expat world because COVID-19 has become a common ground for everyone.	5/1/2020 1:08 AM
97	We can't leave the home for many of our regular activities, so we've had to retool our ministry to become more digital and less face to face.	5/1/2020 1:05 AM
98	There have been hindrances (e.g. unable to do street evangelism, forced to meet via the internet), and we have been forced to adapt.	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
99	It has severely limited the "pre-covid" methods but it is exciting to adjust and adapt to new ways to reach people. The team is a tad bit slow to adjust and embrace new ways, but we make progress.	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
100	It has slowed down the pace of physical visits to team members, potentially opened more relational doors in the local community.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
101	Less contact with people. Teaching in person was cancelled.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
102	Our purpose is to meet and interact with those that don't know Jesus. It is hard to develop relationships with those people when restricted.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
103	No group gatherings prevents much of our ministry from happening, but it's also forced more intentional discipleship that is actually multiplying now as a [positive] result.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
104	Our meetings have become online. We have to rethink how we do ministry which is a good thing from time to time.	5/1/2020 1:01 AM
105	not sure	5/1/2020 12:57 AM
106	being restricted to my home has changed my ministry considerably	5/1/2020 12:56 AM
107	I think it's made us less busy- not jumping on trains etc to attend meetings. I think it has actually made us more connected than before to other support networks thanks to amazing technology	4/30/2020 11:53 PM
108	Lack of face-to-face contact with people, there is only so much you can do online to build community with people.	4/30/2020 11:49 PM
109	More contact via Zoom for meetings and WhatsApp for one on one contact	4/30/2020 11:03 PM
110	- Creativity in the way of keeping up with people. - Time to reflect - where am I? what am I doing? Is it what I God is calling me to do? What are the distractions? - Reliance more on God than on my plans, other people's hugs and encouragement, routines etc. - More need for a sense of hope - Praying more and realizing that we need God	4/30/2020 10:37 PM
111	Had to move online to form faith and build community rather than in person. Has drawn us out and drawn others in by sharing messages / church on Facebook live- stepping up and speaking up in community. Has disrupted plans to be more active as church in extending the table and sharing hospitality with others.	4/30/2020 10:01 PM
112	Cannot train groups face-to-face for now. But good things too - demonstration of God's peace despite challenges at work, freedom from fear etc.	4/30/2020 9:57 PM
113	Limited travel and lock down has curtailed fellowship locally and in ministry	4/30/2020 9:29 PM
114	We do a lot of stuff online. No face-to-face-meetings. Relationships are more difficult. Same amount of work, just in other "regions"	4/30/2020 9:26 PM
115	Lots more work. Uncertainty about sponsors' financial situations and therefore about the future of my ministry.	4/30/2020 9:23 PM
116	Changed the nature of ministry much quicker than we would normally shift direction, and context has changed significantly for the foreseeable future, so we need to learn about that new context	4/30/2020 9:22 PM
117	Have to be more creative in relationships. Harder to have "casual" engaging with non	4/30/2020 9:14 PM



	Christians	
118	Fewer contacts	4/30/2020 9:10 PM
119	Church services are cancelled and we can't invest directly into the body of Christ.	4/30/2020 9:03 PM
120	It has allowed to master better the technology of communication; to bring together people who were otherwise not together; to hold meetings without traveling; to think creatively about things often held for granted; to ask questions about the nature of fellowship and church; to ask questions about how to drop our "masks" while wearing a mask and how to touch other people without touching physically...	4/30/2020 8:45 PM
121	Less low-level interactions, eg Mums at school. Higher level relationships have continued albeit electronically, which has been harder.	4/30/2020 8:36 PM
122	The biggest impact is not being able to meet in person.	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
123	'ministry' in the church context and amongst non-christian friends is now done virtually, but Working in healthcare has meant that I have much less energy for engaging with people virtually outside of work, and as restrictions are lifted I will need to be more careful about face-to-face interactions because of the increased risk at work, I imagine that will impact how I can be involved at church.	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
124	Well, it all has to be done online. Some people are more present to connect in that way and some less so. That said, it's been great for getting to know the neighbours better.	4/30/2020 8:26 PM
125	No direct relationships are possible. But I have found other was that can be also very effectful in writing personal letters and calling by videowhatsapp every single person	4/30/2020 8:21 PM
126	More creative ways of communicating.	4/30/2020 8:12 PM
127	Less contacts to build relations	4/30/2020 8:05 PM
128	We don't have connection with church anymore, only online... so working in a social center, we don't have anymore the collaboration church/center for the beneficiaries. It has a huge impact for us as we have to be isolated in the center with the beneficiaries for periods of 15 days during a month and half until now... Then we are isolated for 15 days at home without having any contact with anyone... Then we come back for 15 days in the center...	4/30/2020 7:55 PM
129	All our services and Bible studies have moved online.	4/30/2020 7:52 PM
130	Inability to be in person with christian community and unbelievers rubbing shoulders and learning to love and forgive despite our differences.	4/30/2020 7:50 PM
131	Restrictions in personnel contact, but many new opportunities to serve and to show God's love	4/30/2020 7:44 PM
132	No travels and no physical meetings impacts greatly	4/30/2020 7:41 PM
133	Just like in any church.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
134	Not aloud to have contact with our neighbours. Some of them are really afraid and it is impossible to visit them.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
135	The aims and basic objectives remain the same, but the means have changed ie more on-line, phone calls, etc.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
136	I have more ministry work now than before the restrictions. It's just all over Zoom.	4/30/2020 7:35 PM
137	As our focus lays on very open community work, we have been forced to reduce much of our ministry. However, we could also continue a part of our work, esp. our café (distributing meals), our workshop (making masks)	4/30/2020 7:31 PM
138	I can't travel to meetings, can't have church services in person, can't do pastoral visitation or other normal church, discipleship or evangelistic events.	4/30/2020 7:30 PM
139	In many ways : streetwork isn't possible.	4/30/2020 7:29 PM
140	Change and transitions always have an impact. Adjusting to a new normal and then finding new opportunities takes time. eg online ministry opportunities	4/30/2020 7:28 PM
141	Meeting restrictions has stopped all face-to-face church ministry. Harder to provide pastoral support and to study the Bible with others. Some relationships in the church have been deepened with online meetings but most have stagnated and even some contact has been lost. Impossible to travel to face-to-face meetings or to run most training courses. Forced to reschedule online meetings (some positives in seeing that these can save travel costs and be effective use of time). Some training can be moved on-line, some does not lend itself at	4/30/2020 4:04 PM

all to online - have to reschedule to later in year or 2021. Postponement of Biennial Conference for at least one year.

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142	The main impact has been on travel, the inability to hold our biennial conference or visit ministries. That and non-stop Zoom calls.	4/29/2020 8:35 PM
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# Q8 What adjustments have you made in finding appropriate ways to continue serving others in mission?

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learning neighbors connecting people friends virtual computer help live via Zoom person  
Moving kids etc much phone local church work encouraging church local  
connect formats also switched video encouragement time now  
people others meetings messaging online resources  
Zoom bible studies use emails prayer able ministry increased  
lot communicating services regularly calls sites via things ways use technology  
phone calls WhatsApp internet virtually contact social media needed small groups groups  
connections reaching written

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We do all things by the Web and phone and could help a lot of people do use the different Web Platforms	5/4/2020 1:57 AM
2	Sweden still allows groups less than 50 to meet, albeit with common sense social distance regulations. We therefore have special distance prayer walks on Sundays as well as a few online meetings.	5/3/2020 6:10 PM
3	We have been able to continuing serving by using internet forums such as zoom and webex and Facetime.	5/3/2020 8:16 AM
4	Taking time to press into God's Word, and gain more training/equipping in areas related to local ministry. Continuing online services, and attempting to keep up with people virtually as much as possible.	5/3/2020 8:05 AM
5	using snail mail and internet video conferences, etc..	5/3/2020 4:42 AM
6	Our main focus is learning the language right now, so little has changed other than helping facilitate online meetings.	5/3/2020 4:05 AM
7	We are able to work from home and accomplish all of our day-to-day ministry from here.	5/3/2020 12:59 AM
8	Editing videos for the church, Bible studies and church services via Zoom, reaching out to people in isolation with messaging platforms.	5/2/2020 10:03 PM
9	Far more use of online meetings and phone calls	5/2/2020 9:32 PM
10	Being in permanent (virtual) contact with others.	5/2/2020 7:34 PM
11	Praying with intensity has increased because of the need for wisdom and discernment...and understanding is needed.	5/2/2020 5:17 AM
12	using online services	5/2/2020 4:24 AM
13	We are keeping in touch with those we have built relationship with in Italy and also here in America. While talking via computer/phone is not the same as face to face, it maintains the relationship and seems to bring a breath of fresh air for those needing a friend.	5/2/2020 1:50 AM
14	a lot of virtual meeting. Developing new skills to help the church go online and virtual such as creating videos; i spend time now food and medicine shopping for elderly stuck at home	5/2/2020 1:04 AM
15	All my work has gone online. Online discipleship meetings. Online leadership meetings. We've offered some support to individuals who are at-risk and have been helping out a neighbor quite a bit.	5/2/2020 12:59 AM
16	learned to navigate zoom	5/1/2020 11:59 PM
17	We were already connected to the local radio and so we are now doing 2 programs each week, recording from home. One is English for kids and the other is about Christian music. We record from home but it's aired to the whole region. We have asked to also do a more direct gospel program on Sunday mornings.	5/1/2020 11:48 PM
18	Doing more work on my computer. Going through systems (budget related) that I never had time to go through as thoroughly.	5/1/2020 11:46 PM
19	Reaching out via Zoom, WhatsApp etc... taking the initiative. Moving meetings, services etcetera to online formats. Prayer.	5/1/2020 11:17 PM
20	I record on regular basis a podcast for our homegroup. We try to encourage our neighbours by contacting them over internet, when they are hanging out of the window or by delivering a flower with an Easter greeting.	5/1/2020 11:13 PM
21	As stated in answer to the previous question, though our classes have been cancelled, I'm still in touch with most of my English students via messaging and texting, and I'm still assigning homework every week. One of my small groups is meeting over Skype. The other has switched to an individual Bible reading plan but we have a group chat where we message regularly. My local church now streams on YouTube and has prayer meetings on Zoom.	5/1/2020 11:03 PM
22	Instead of regulary scheduled meetings, have to initiate more Spend more time praying for people, including donors, whom I am also contacting Look for ways to keep connected with people on FB, which is common in my country	5/1/2020 10:08 PM
23	Increased telephone communication, virtual meetings via zoom, kids clubs via Youtube	5/1/2020 10:02 PM

24	We've moved all meetings online, and stay connected to individuals through texts and messages.	5/1/2020 9:39 PM
25	Using technology more than before. It is also the fact that people are all around the house and there is a great opportunity to share the Gospel.	5/1/2020 9:31 PM
26	Distance More time with my kids on the street	5/1/2020 9:20 PM
27	Doing our church gatherings on zoom, which has had great turn out and involvement. Online youth connections several times a week. More discipleship relationships connecting than ever before, as we've done some training and encouragement for everyone to get involved.	5/1/2020 9:02 PM
28	Zoom and other on-line meetings, filming our plays, continuing to reach out to others through technology, a wave or mobile.	5/1/2020 8:59 PM
29	Zoom and phoning are proving fantastic opportunities.	5/1/2020 8:38 PM
30	Working online from home. Distributing equipment between team members.	5/1/2020 8:19 PM
31	We have focused on strengthening our small church and encouraging each person in the church to find ways to reach out to their neighbors.	5/1/2020 8:14 PM
32	We went online and conect through social media.	5/1/2020 8:09 PM
33	Acquiesced to virtual meetings.	5/1/2020 7:13 PM
34	Zoom calls for youth group, switching my language lessons to online	5/1/2020 6:59 PM
35	We created a local whatsapp group with our neighborhood to show support, encouragement and help when necessary. I run a weekly zoom call with our team around France in order to stay connected, answer questions/concerns regarding the situation as it evolves and to offer a time of prayer and praise for what God is doing.	5/1/2020 6:37 PM
36	There is a lot more happening online. Have sending cards and writing "old-fashioned" letters again. Reaching out to neighbors to make sure they are all right and offering help if needed.	5/1/2020 6:11 PM
37	The main thing is the use of on-line meetings via Zoom or Skype. However, more recently, I have had to limit the number of Zoom calls I was taking each day. I was doing several a day and finding them to be extremely exhausting. I've also been writing some self-help articles and distributing them throughout our mission.	5/1/2020 6:05 PM
38	Zoom	5/1/2020 5:13 PM
39	Lots of prayer, learning how to use more technology, having most meetings online.	5/1/2020 4:59 PM
40	Moving trainings online, utilizing WhatsApp, Zoom, etc. to stay in touch	5/1/2020 4:50 PM
41	Having lots of meetings online.	5/1/2020 4:34 PM
42	Zoom! Prayer, and encouraging people with calls.	5/1/2020 3:37 PM
43	Online and phone meetings instead of in person. Talking with neighbors far more.	5/1/2020 3:15 PM
44	Zoom meetings, and intentional connections via phone calls and emails.	5/1/2020 2:55 PM
45	Moving things online, making more phone calls, more food deliveries	5/1/2020 10:42 AM
46	My husband is redoing a book on marriage that has been out of print for 10 years. We have been traveling so much that he has not had time to complete what the publishing house asked him to do years ago. So, it is a big project that will be completed!	5/1/2020 8:17 AM
47	More online.	5/1/2020 8:02 AM
48	More text messaging in its various forms; setting up and administering various groups online to keep connected with the various people we minister to, and keep them connected to each other; many more phone/video calls to friends and people we know in town. English teaching has moved somewhat online to continue serving our students by providing material they can access. Daily prayer times online with others.	5/1/2020 7:36 AM
49	The Internet!	5/1/2020 7:02 AM
50	Staff development times virtually.	5/1/2020 6:23 AM
51	Keeping safety distance, masks, hand sensitizers as suggested by the government	5/1/2020 6:17 AM
52	some online presence necessary	5/1/2020 6:15 AM
53	Doing everything online and figuring out how to create resources and train people in a	5/1/2020 5:47 AM

teleconference format.

54	Learning to use video conferencing.	5/1/2020 5:44 AM
55	Everything is remote. We are working creatively to come up with new ideas for how to conduct a major ministry event coming up this summer, which will have to take on an entirely new format.	5/1/2020 5:31 AM
56	more use of jitsi, zoom and Skype shopping for elderly neighbors	5/1/2020 5:22 AM
57	Lots of zoom meetings, more ministry with neighbors.	5/1/2020 5:10 AM
58	Looking for people to connect with in Canada	5/1/2020 5:02 AM
59	We have started using the internet to meet with our English students and Bible students.	5/1/2020 4:07 AM
60	A lot more online meetings. This is both a gift and a challenge. Glad we can still connect, but screen fatigue is real.	5/1/2020 4:02 AM
61	Accepting the social media sites and ways to virtually connect	5/1/2020 3:39 AM
62	See above--continually reimagining and evaluating; we've made tweaks and changes along the way as we see what is/isn't working.	5/1/2020 3:34 AM
63	This has been hard. Praying and feeling led by God to bake and visit neighbors, give cards...just seeing what can we do in our village on a small scale.	5/1/2020 3:02 AM
64	Virtual small groups, text groups, chatting to people regularly, virtual coffee meetings, online church, letter writing.	5/1/2020 2:54 AM
65	A lot of our work has gone online - sending update videos and encouragement to our local church family here in Germany, having online prayer meetings, etc.	5/1/2020 2:40 AM
66	Looking up resources online and accessing Google classroom to meet with MKs, so they can connect with us on an educational level, but also so they can connect with each other.	5/1/2020 2:34 AM
67	More frequent broader communication, and checking in personally.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
68	lots of digital work.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
69	Online classes, cessation of in person services and increased phone calls.	5/1/2020 2:23 AM
70	Using online formats, attempting to volunteer in the community (unsuccessfully)	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
71	Lots more computer time	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
72	Using more online means of communication, etc.	5/1/2020 2:18 AM
73	We attempt to connect regularly with people via video/audio and look for ways to encourage and bless people in spite of being restricted from face to face meetings.	5/1/2020 2:16 AM
74	None	5/1/2020 2:03 AM
75	Connecting via email and video chat, serving in other ways locally.	5/1/2020 1:58 AM
76	Doing a great deal of online outreach, email, messaging, phone conversations, FaceTime. Plus we're focusing on immediate neighbours; doing grocery and medical runs, leaving fast food meals for them, doing exterior lawn and house care when possible.. We've also upped our financial giving to those in need.	5/1/2020 1:53 AM
77	Our church has switched to online video services and our bible studies are done via conference call	5/1/2020 1:50 AM
78	All of my normal meet-ups with people and groups now happen on zoom.	5/1/2020 1:43 AM
79	Zoom just isn't the same as meeting IRL.	5/1/2020 1:42 AM
80	Meetings by WhatsApp and Zoom and meetings in the meadows.	5/1/2020 1:37 AM
81	Being an encouragement through internet resources	5/1/2020 1:36 AM
82	It's been an exercise in being more aware of people around us and in being present to listen for opportunities to connect.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
83	We are trying to think creatively about still having the scheduled short-term teams engage with the ministry sites through video and prayer.	5/1/2020 1:35 AM
84	Doing as much as possible online.	5/1/2020 1:34 AM



85	As I can not do my task because the restrictions, I serve more time my local church through social media.	5/1/2020 1:32 AM
86	Helping out our elderly neighbors in very practical ways that we wouldn't otherwise have opportunity. Ministry is much more 24/7, as the digital world never sleeps.	5/1/2020 1:28 AM
87	Being intentional in reaching out to people.	5/1/2020 1:19 AM
88	Online Service Blogs, vide conference, live services, phone calls, webs sites and social media.	5/1/2020 1:16 AM
89	Zoom and Live Streaming.	5/1/2020 1:13 AM
90	Focus on prayer, prayer walking (as exercise), and use of virtual media during this time.	5/1/2020 1:11 AM
91	We've used the fear people have to share God's Word with them and they've been much more receptive than usual.	5/1/2020 1:10 AM
92	Much more internet instead of in-person relationships.	5/1/2020 1:10 AM
93	Zoom, social media, and emails have become very important. Connecting with those in our ministry circles has become important in new ways as we all walk through transitions.	5/1/2020 1:08 AM
94	More time spent online connecting with people.	5/1/2020 1:05 AM
95	We teach seminary classes online, hold Bible studies online, and meet with people online. Our evangelistic efforts have switched to newspaper and internet.	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
96	A whole lot more virtual ministry. A lot of new and tighter connections to those on both sides of the Atlantic. It seems easier to talk to folks. I think the crisis is opening doors like never before.	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
97	Lots of digital meetings, like everyone else.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
98	Prayer and online communications.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
99	I have been concentrating on writing and connecting with people through social media.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
100	Online forums; smaller groups; "forcing" those being discipled to disciple others to create a multiplication effect rather than addition.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
101	We use zoom for our bible studies, for prayer and microsoft teams within our mission for prayer also. I have to set my goals a little lower as well since I can't get out to see others as easily.	5/1/2020 1:01 AM
102	Presently we are very limited in ministry	5/1/2020 12:57 AM
103	Contacting people more often than before and finding creative ways to do this	4/30/2020 11:53 PM
104	More emphasis on technology in communicating with people.	4/30/2020 11:49 PM
105	Our member care group has been meeting via Zoom	4/30/2020 11:03 PM
106	- Zoom! - Prayer for someone when they come to mind rather than meeting up with them - Time to invest in me and my relationship with God, so that as we come out of this I have something to offer to others.	4/30/2020 10:37 PM
107	Adjusting to new ways of communicating and connecting with people, discipling- primarily having to upskill on zoom, facebook live etc	4/30/2020 10:01 PM
108	some work has switched to on-line, especially team relationships and administration	4/30/2020 9:57 PM
109	Use of technology has compensated somewhat e.g Zoom church services and prayer meetings as well as more telephone calls	4/30/2020 9:29 PM
110	videos, calls, home-office	4/30/2020 9:26 PM
111	Phoning people more. Going to get groceries for others (esp. elderly).	4/30/2020 9:23 PM
112	Assessing what is possible, what is temporarily irrelevant or less appropriate and what might need to change definitively or be reimaged	4/30/2020 9:22 PM
113	Moving stuff online, more Whatsapp conversations , getting to know neighbors more through doing mini covers on the balcony	4/30/2020 9:14 PM
114	Making do	4/30/2020 9:10 PM
115	Online preaching and social distancing walks	4/30/2020 9:03 PM



116	Technical adjustments. More mobilizing and communicating in order to bring people together through video conferencing. Inviting people to actively participate together. Making sure that people are informed.	4/30/2020 8:45 PM
117	Using technology, shorter times together because of technology fatigue and less time available as everything takes longer.	4/30/2020 8:36 PM
118	Meetings on social networks.	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
119	I have prayerfully considered what God has called me to during this time and narrowed my focus to those (to manage reduced capacity). I see healthcare as a way of loving and serving others, and that is my primary mission at this time. I also coordinate children's ministry at church and have set up a WhatsApp group for the kids to respond to a Bible story each week and interact. We've also set up a mobile library of Christian books for the kids (but that is on hold because of travel/delivery restrictions). I also keep in touch with non-christian friends via phone/messaging etc	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
120	Seeking out online options. In one way, distance seems less of an issue now that everyone is having to connect online. We have been able to connect more with ministry opportunities further afield and also with supporters.	4/30/2020 8:26 PM
121	using only video whatsapp for phone calls where possible, my paintings as meditations in written form and sent out as letters, and also videos of my meditations.	4/30/2020 8:21 PM
122	More use of web based services to communicate.	4/30/2020 8:12 PM
123	Sending cards in stead of visiting persons	4/30/2020 8:05 PM
124	I had to move on my work place... and more internet connections on zoom with church.	4/30/2020 7:55 PM
125	I don't understand the question. Who are the "others"? Other missionaries? nationals? For both, We are using services like either zoom or 8x8.	4/30/2020 7:52 PM
126	More phone calls, video meetings, written messages, praying...	4/30/2020 7:50 PM
127	Meetings by zoom, working from home	4/30/2020 7:44 PM
128	Digital meetings, outdoor meetings in smaller circles	4/30/2020 7:41 PM
129	Use video conferencing platforms and use our private financial resources to help locals in need.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
130	Sending a postcard for easter.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
131	Technology, and teaching people to use technology, have become more important.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
132	Trying to be patient with the significantly increased level of expectation on ministry workers even as family demands have also increased.	4/30/2020 7:35 PM
133	using more zoom, even though it does not really work as an alternative	4/30/2020 7:31 PM
134	Lots of online stuff: Zoom, email and Facebook. This has been good, but I'm a bit tired of virtual life and meetings.	4/30/2020 7:30 PM
135	—	4/30/2020 7:29 PM
136	Using Zoom and Skype for prayer ministry and Bible studies Reorganizing my day to have enough time with the kids (an important ministry area)	4/30/2020 7:28 PM
137	Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of various online tools for keeping in contact with people. Learning what level of support is appropriate for different people.	4/30/2020 4:04 PM
138	We are doing even more video-conferencing, writing and recording of videos. I have started writing a daily reflection on the Psalms for neighbours and friends.	4/29/2020 8:35 PM



#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	5/3/2020 8:05 AM
2	The general feeling I have gotten from other missionaries in a variety of countries and agencies is that unless there are significant health/healthcare concerns, the vast majority stayed and wanted to stay in the country they are serving.	5/3/2020 4:05 AM
3	Each person's story, calling and situation is different. I do believe that our calling is challenged during these difficult times, as we reevaluate what it means to stay (and the sacrifice it requires) in the country we were sent to. Luke 9:57-62 comes to mind.	5/2/2020 10:03 PM
4	No	5/2/2020 9:32 PM
5	It would be interesting to relate testimonies of how the crisis is offering opportunities for testimony (eg, the Good Samaritan in Spain).	5/2/2020 7:34 PM
6	Seeking the Lord's will must be priority.	5/2/2020 5:17 AM
7	Keep thinking out of the box to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ	5/2/2020 4:24 AM
8	We can't forget what a simple text or phone call can do. While a majority of our work is on hold, my wife and I have found that simply asking someone how they are doing through this goes a long way.	5/2/2020 1:50 AM
9	we have had new opportunity to help show others how to be like Jesus and care for others in need when we ourselves are also in need.	5/2/2020 1:04 AM
10	I wonder how this will affect us all as foreign missionaries with so much financial uncertainty. Will this mean more of us go home and a focus on raising up first culture workers?	5/1/2020 11:48 PM
11	Embracing the time of solitude as an obligatory sabbath, of sorts, has been helpful for me personally. Looking for ways to stop and listen to God rather than fill up the void with whatever catches my fancy has been rejuvenating.	5/1/2020 11:17 PM
12	No	5/1/2020 11:13 PM
13	The best advice I've received regarding the COVID-19 situation came from a lady in my church here. She said for every minute you spend watching or reading the news and worrying about what it says, you should spend at least five minutes praying about what worried you.	5/1/2020 11:03 PM
14	The biggest question I have to ask--Father, what do YOU want me to do today?--and recognize my times are in His hand.	5/1/2020 10:08 PM
15	.	5/1/2020 10:02 PM
16	na	5/1/2020 9:39 PM
17	I will use the Word that Jesus said to the disciples: You are fishermen of men. Throw the net on the other side. John 21: 6	5/1/2020 9:31 PM
18	-	5/1/2020 9:20 PM
19	The work of God is not restricted even in these circumstances! We just have to look and see what He's doing, and ask Him what our part is.	5/1/2020 9:02 PM
20	I think this time has been a staggering opportunity to sit with the Lord and seek His heart with fewer distractions.	5/1/2020 8:59 PM
21	no	5/1/2020 8:38 PM
22	Not particularly	5/1/2020 8:14 PM
23	No	5/1/2020 8:09 PM
24	Not that I can think of.	5/1/2020 7:13 PM
25	I felt more safe in my adopted country than in my sending country because it took more severe measures in order to prevent the spread.	5/1/2020 6:59 PM
26	-at a moment when we feel powerless, God comes along and shows us just how powerful He is. If we ever doubted it before we are now reassured that He continues to speak to people in His own way. It's a good reminder that the work of missions is not "all about us" but, rather, all about Him.	5/1/2020 6:37 PM
27	Find it interesting that it took the closing of the church doors to bring so many more people to	5/1/2020 6:11 PM

church. Meaning = the numbers of people attending services, Bible studies, small groups, prayer times, etc. online has grown in great numbers. Those same people would probably never attend these same things in the church building.

28	Not to assume that everyone is going through the same experience while under quarantine. Being with family is quite different than being alone. Know that you will have "up"days where you believe you're managing quite well and then "down"days where you don't want to get out of bed. When talking to others try to really "listen" to what they're saying. One of the greatest gifts we can give people right now is our time which is something we have in abundance. I see this as one of God's blessings in the midst of this crisis.	5/1/2020 6:05 PM
29	No	5/1/2020 4:50 PM
30	No	5/1/2020 4:34 PM
31	For me, the blessings of this time are significant, as they have given me space for real theological and missiological reflection, as well as time for renewed language study focus. However, our family have needed to acknowledge that the restrictions and the pressure of home schooling have taken their toll. Windows of tolerance are certainly narrower.	5/1/2020 3:37 PM
32	Missionaries are very often driven by vision that makes them push through challenging circumstances. The pandemic challenge is just one example. Even those missionaries that do have compromised health have chosen to stay in place, some even commenting that it's far safer to stay than try to rush back to their sending country. It's just a modern example of the apostle Paul's For me to live is Christ and to die is gain... nothing new in Gods people.	5/1/2020 3:15 PM
33	N/a	5/1/2020 2:55 PM
34	It's been the toughest Most beautiful season!	5/1/2020 10:42 AM
35	We have encouraged our friends in Spain that are pastors to be sure to get their services on line and maybe do daily devotionals. More people have time and interest now. Many have done so.	5/1/2020 8:17 AM
36	Have felt very sure God wanted us with family at this time, homeschooling our grandchildren so that parents could continue frontline service - even though we'd have been safer in Portugal, where there have been no cases in our area, and we could have isolated much easier.	5/1/2020 8:02 AM
37	No. I'm in the middle of transition of ministry, so it's a little challenging to prepare for that.	5/1/2020 6:23 AM
38	No	5/1/2020 6:17 AM
39	nothing comes to mind at this time, thanks	5/1/2020 6:15 AM
40	We can certainly mourn the loss of face-to-face interactions, small groups and church gatherings. We can also look hopefully towards how God can use technology to help us reach people in new ways. How could the dynamics of online social interaction be leveraged to grow God's kingdom?	5/1/2020 5:47 AM
41	Many are becoming more aware of their need for fellowship.	5/1/2020 5:44 AM
42	Support team has been great!	5/1/2020 5:10 AM
43	Can't think of anything	5/1/2020 5:02 AM
44	Had I know that we could NOT go outside and walk for 7-8 weeks or longer, I might have come home to USA. This has been extremely frustrating. You feel like a prisoner.	5/1/2020 4:07 AM
45	This pandemic has forced all churches to cease business as usual. Some may just be waiting to go back to normal, but many are thinking about how things can / will change on the other side of this cocoon. We are praying this shut down inspires churches to regain a biblical focus on equipping the whole church to spread the gospel and making disciples as Jesus taught His first disciples, and that the current myth of 'local' church (which is most often just denominationally grouped preferences of worship and teaching styles) will be radically transformed into truly local church - with believing neighbours of all sorts of church backgrounds coming together as church on their streets to reach their neighbours for Christ.	5/1/2020 4:02 AM
46	The churches will explode in fatith	5/1/2020 3:39 AM
47	N/A	5/1/2020 3:34 AM
48	The German culture itself has been a struggle through this. In general, there is a self-sufficiency and self-reliance that makes them resistant to receiving and for that matter offering as much assistance or attempts at connection.	5/1/2020 3:02 AM

49	We still feel isolated and struggling to have appropriate, helpful or frequency communication with and from our national teammates and families back home. We are very much taking the role of virtual carers, but need care ourselves.	5/1/2020 2:54 AM
50	not really.	5/1/2020 2:34 AM
51	if AC happens, I still might not go. I don't consider it a wise thing to do.	5/1/2020 2:31 AM
52	no	5/1/2020 2:23 AM
53	No, except that God is really working in people's lives in ways not resulting from the pandemic	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
54	Not really	5/1/2020 2:19 AM
55	Not particularly	5/1/2020 2:18 AM
56	Reading the New Testament and knowing History we realise that God is always present and creatively active through His people in times of confusion, crisis and uncertainty. We are watching, expectantly to see where He is working so we can respond and join with Him. We're not on holiday. We've been freed, redeemed, and bought with a price. We're still called to live daily on mission with Jesus regardless of our context.	5/1/2020 1:53 AM
57	no	5/1/2020 1:43 AM
58	Nope	5/1/2020 1:42 AM
59	Great time to connect with Jesus in an intensive way and to do many group Zoom prayers.	5/1/2020 1:37 AM
60	Extra load looking after kids that would normally be at national schooling. School is now online and kids are expected to keep up with the normal workload- assignments etc. This is an extra load for parents to do this now and takes time away from other things.	5/1/2020 1:34 AM
61	--	5/1/2020 1:32 AM
62	People who are vulnerable, struggle with anxiety, loneliness, etc. are the ones , we've found, to be much more open to discuss/dialogue the things of faith now. They have the time to ponder, discuss, ask questions, etc. and while doing it digitally is not ideal, the Spirit is moving in mighty ways!	5/1/2020 1:28 AM
63	n/a	5/1/2020 1:19 AM
64	We need more workers.	5/1/2020 1:16 AM
65	No.	5/1/2020 1:13 AM
66	We have seen the Lord at work during this time as we have not seen in some time. Many far from the Kingdom are tuning into services online being held by Gospel preaching churches. Many ministries are adapting creatively such a Christian camp that is holding virtual camp via social media. God is at work and we are seeking to join Him there to see His Kingdom advance during this time.	5/1/2020 1:11 AM
67	I feel strongly that missionaries should consider the place where they're serving to be their *home*. When they think or talk of their sending country as their home it undermines their ministry and relationship with the local people.	5/1/2020 1:10 AM
68	Being far from loved ones, our sending churches, and partners, all over the globe is probably the hardest part of this whole thing, but it doesn't necessarily make us want to jump on the next plane out of here. Holding our hands open and asking God for his timing and guidance has been of the utmost importance as we walk out the day to day decisions that faces us. It is hard to want to be in so many places at once, but sometimes the best action is to wait and pray.	5/1/2020 1:08 AM
69	Our supporting churches have been quite caring about us as we face the crisis.	5/1/2020 1:03 AM
70	I have no idea what readers of VISTA would be interested in reading.	5/1/2020 1:02 AM
71	no	5/1/2020 12:57 AM
72	Many of us have the gift of time. I think many missionaries feel unless they're busy doing things and leading things many things will fall apart. This time is teaching that God is moving and always will, often I get in the way. It has been a time of being able to listen to God and act with more conviction than any other time i remember. This is being an amazing time of growth and mission opportunity for us. I just was too busy to see all of that	4/30/2020 11:53 PM
73	no	4/30/2020 11:49 PM

74	No	4/30/2020 11:03 PM
75	It is far easier to invite someone to 'church' when they can join via zoom without having to leave their house and can leave when they want, or 'safer' still, via youtube where no one even needs know you attended but you can take a peep at what these 'evangelicals' do when they get together. Is it formal/boring, what do they talk about etc.	4/30/2020 10:37 PM
76	-	4/30/2020 10:01 PM
77	We work in communities which fear the unknown - foreigners, disease etc. But perfect love casts out all fear, and we experience these challenges knowing that God is in control, and he grows and strengthens our faith in him.	4/30/2020 9:57 PM
78	Just that the restrictions have not all been negative. Opportunities have arisen to talk to people in the shared circumstances that have been positive	4/30/2020 9:29 PM
79	no	4/30/2020 9:26 PM
80	Every now and then when meeting with unbelievers (at 1,5 meter distance), the situation gives opportunities to share this comes at no surprise. It's been in the Bible for millennia, Matthew 24, Romans 8, Luke 21. At times, it gives chances to share about the hope I have and why I don't need to be afraid.	4/30/2020 9:23 PM
81	No	4/30/2020 9:10 PM
82	Sweden has been very liberal in their approach and how we have freely been given opinions from both sides. And the pressure to pick a "side" and defend it.	4/30/2020 9:03 PM
83	Governments treat people as economic entities. Physical health has been elevated as the most important at the cost of adulthood, of freedom and of taking responsibility, as if our physical body is more important than our soul and mind. The world serves the Mammon. We need to think of concrete ways to show love and true relationships. We need to remind people of what humanity is really about: living together as God's adopted children. This means also that we need to talk differently about the news. And we need to remind our people that there is more to life than meets the eye.	4/30/2020 8:45 PM
84	We have a small international church and going online has enabled past members now in other countries to attend, which they have appreciated.	4/30/2020 8:36 PM
85	How is the financial life of the missionary, and how to help him.	4/30/2020 8:31 PM
86	No	4/30/2020 8:26 PM
87	In my experience it is a good possibility to listen to the fears of people to the virus and to point to the fact, that we are only in the hands of the Almighty God	4/30/2020 8:21 PM
88	No	4/30/2020 8:12 PM
89	NO	4/30/2020 8:05 PM
90	Missionaries should follow the local laws on the nation where they are serving. For example, if there are curfew or quarantine laws, observe them. Does not matter what the locals are doing or not doing, protect your Christian witness by following the laws.	4/30/2020 7:52 PM
91	I don't appreciate being told to stay home not only by the government but by everyone on Facebook and Instagram, too. I don't appreciate being pressured to hang out the window and clap for health workers as though it might be immoral or ungrateful not to do so. And I would like to see more questioning being done regarding the loss of civil liberties. People are willing to give up almost anything without even a whimper when they are afraid. Also, it would be interesting to discuss more what is life, how can I think about death? to prepare ourselves in good and bad times for today and that inevitable tomorrow.	4/30/2020 7:50 PM
92	NO	4/30/2020 7:44 PM
93	If the psalms teach us to trust God always, and we teach people to do so, then we too must put it into practice.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
94	Our service at Sunday and prayer time is all with zoom. More people participate than in 'normal' live.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM
95	Already having an on-line ministry meant I was well placed to respond when the whole country went on-line - my ministry had a 50% increase in use without me doing anything. Living in northern Italy meant that there was also an informative and educative aspect in my ministry, warning people elsewhere what was going on in Italy and soon would be in their countries as well.	4/30/2020 7:38 PM

96	The already troubling tendency towards burnout and overwork among missionaries has only become more pronounced. The proliferation of extra meetings and "content creation" may be based on a genuine desire to care for others in this difficult time. Or it may reflect something more problematic. Perhaps many of us find our worth in what we can tell our supporters that we have done.	4/30/2020 7:35 PM
97	Living in a deprived neighbourhood, the biggest challenge will probably be, how we are going to react on or handle the economic crisis following Corona	4/30/2020 7:31 PM
98	Probably not.	4/30/2020 7:30 PM
99	–	4/30/2020 7:29 PM
100	The crisis has helped me understand more about the theology of suffering and how people respond in suffering and live out their faith. Also this time has provided a crash course into psychology in crisis, with deeper, practical insights into how different people respond.	4/30/2020 4:04 PM
101	No	4/29/2020 8:35 PM