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the God who heals

Thank you for your gift this month and your continued partnership with our missionaries. I praise the Lord for a wonderful ministry trip to Alaska and look forward to sharing an update in next month's newsletter. You can view photos of my trip on my Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/pastorjd>. Click on the Album, "Alaska 2021." While you are there, be sure to request to be friends so we can connect.

As we read the Scriptures, we see that God progressively reveals His character in the many compound names of Jehovah. Today as I was personally worshipping God, I considered the story of Israel's test early on in the wilderness wanderings. Following the crossing of the Red Sea, Moses leads them into the Desert of Shur where they traveled for three days without finding water. When they finally found water it was undrinkable. They named the place Marah, meaning bitter. While the Israelites complained, Moses prayed and God showed him what to do. He cast a piece of wood into the water and the water immediately became fit to drink. After God "healed" the water, He reveals himself to them with a new name. In Exodus 15:26, we read "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice

of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee." That last phrase, "I am the LORD that healeth thee," is the name Jehovah-Rapha. We are in desperate need of a healer of our sins. Just as God provided a tree that healed the waters of Marah, He has also provided a tree on which Jesus died to heal our sin. While the main reason for Jesus coming was to heal our sins (Luke 19:10), He also worked miracles of physical healing as a testimony of His power over disease. In Galilee, Jesus, the Great Physician, went from town to town, "healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." (Matthew 4:23) It is right for us to pray to God for physical healing. Sometimes it is not His will to heal (2 Corinthians 12:7-9), but often it is, if we pray (James 5:13-16).

Most of us know of people right now who are struggling with major illnesses. We have several dear friends who are battling cancer. There are two pastors that I preached for in the past few months that have been seriously ill with COVID-19. We are also praying for one of our major donors who is in critical condition fighting for his life. As I have messaged with friends and family, I have expressed how grateful I am that our God is sovereign and that He is always good. As we hear of more and more people getting sick and we pray, let us remember that God is Jehovah-Rapha, "the God who heals."

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On July 2, a Celebration of Life Service was held in honor of Ella Grace Ault, the four-year-old granddaughter of our financial assistant Pam Ault. Ella passed away the morning of Sunday, June 27th. She passed peacefully and is no longer having seizures. Jehovah-Rapha has completely healed her. We ask prayer now for emotional healing for her family, especially her parents Daniel and Abbie.

Would you take a moment right now and ask God to help us meet the needs of our upcoming work trip at Camp Emanuel in Uruguay. At the same time, would you ask God if He would have you to contribute to this worthy cause? For more information and to donate, visit:
<https://emuinternational.org/campemmanuel/>

Please pray for our Uruguayan pastors as they connect via Zoom and participate in 20 hours of ministerial training led by Bill Hill, director of ENW (Equipping Nationals Worldwide). He is assisted by Pastor David Robinette, another dear ministry friend, and Bolivian missionary Kevin White. Billy Judson, missionary to India, will host the Good News 360 Church Leaders Conference on August 25-28. This virtual conference will feature 23 half-hour Bible teaching sessions from nine Christian leaders in the USA with each session broadcast in Telugu, Hindi, and English. Ted Allston will be traveling to Kenya, August 27–September 18. Your partnership with EMU and our missionaries makes ministries like these with a focus on training nationals possible. We could not do it without you.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US



Uruguay Fall Work Trip - Sep. 27 - Oct. 9



These projects are greatly needed, and we can't accomplish them without your help. Would you take a moment right now and ask God to help us meet these needs and at the same time ask Him if He would have you to contribute to this worthy cause?

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