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Greetings Everyone,

I have a new mission field; it is the town of San Jose located in the Tarlac province. I finally decided not to continue my plan to start a mission work in Nueva Vizcaya because of my financial status. Going there requires a sufficient amount of money which I don't have because I lost a few supporters this year. San Jose is a 3rd class municipality with a population of 36,253 people. It is not far from where we are staying, it takes us probably 30 minutes to get there. The name of the town is the same with the place where I planted a church before, but that was only a village in Tarlac city. This time the mission field that I will be working has 13 villages, and the largest municipality of the province in terms of land area. My objective is still the same, I will be working to start a new church. This is my best option since I lost much of my support. My family do not have to move there yet because we can just drive anytime from our house going there whenever we need to. It will save us money for not renting a house. But eventually we will be needing to have a house when we are ready to conduct a worship services in the future. I went to some of the villages of San Jose last month of March to get to know the town. San Jose is located in a mountainous terrain and majority of the people rely on farming and livestock, others are working in Tarlac city since it is just a few minutes away. Some areas in the villages are very remote and can only be accessed by a motorcycle. But this town is being promoted as a tourist destination therefore some areas are being developed as a tourist spot making it easier to travel around. The effect of coronavirus is still here, people are wearing face masks as they go outside. Residents of the villages are hesitant to talk to strangers, I think this will going to be a big problem because I will be speaking to them as I share the gospel. My work will begin on this month of April by passing out gospel tracts and soul winning. I will not establish a children centers because a mass gathering is still prohibited due to pandemic. Teaching children on the street might give a bad impression because gathering a crowd is against the government guidelines. I will just make myself visible more often by giving gospel tracts so the people will know that I am preaching the Bible, and it is the best way to get their trust. My main goal is to set up a regular Bible studies to families in their homes, it may be difficult at this moment but through patience and prayer it will be possible. Hopefully the fear from the coronavirus will not hinder the people from listening to the gospel. But I will follow the safety measures against the virus by wearing face mask all the time and by observing physical distancing. I also praying that we can sustain our mission, I trust in the Lord that He will provide for the ministry's needs and for my family needs.

Continue to pray for this new mission work and I appreciate anything you give that will help. We are thankful for your faithfulness in giving financial support to us. We are so blessed to have you in our lives. To God be all the glory.

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