



***UPDATE FROM THE BOTCHWAY'S***

***May 2020***

Dear friends, family and Ministry Partners,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this update because of all that is happening in America, especially in Minneapolis. This is a city that our family have loved and invested fourteen years of our lives; now going in flames. We are praying for our nation to be restored to order and peace.

### ***Times of Crisis***

Before we entered into the year 2020, we all had great expectation of a good year; a year full of excitement and blessings, nobody anticipated that Covid- 19 would change the lives of everyone in the world. Covid- 19 has affected both the rich and the poor; adult and children; black and whites, no one is exempted. Many are asking the question where is God?. I heard of someone who said he has prayed and prayed and did not know of what to say to God anymore! Ironically, God is still where we left Him because the bible says, He never changes, and He is still the same yesterday, today and forever. Since He created time but does not live in time when we make any changes, guess what???

It is us that get affected I know by now we are all wrestling with the conspiracy theories about Covid-19 flowing out there, but nothing is as permanent except God and the truth about His word. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, the scripture says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Just when we thought we were getting over Covid- 19, then comes another season which we thought we are doing our best to put it behind us; another ugly season of "Racism" and police brutality.

As kingdom people what should be our response? We must understand that whatever we are going through is a season and this season brings change. We must master the change.

Someone said the greatest source of disappointment in life is the expectation of things to remain the same! Change is not just about talk but connection, action. My prayer is that, the change we experience will be a positive one; just like Covid- 19 and the protocols of washing our hands under running water, not shaking hands, keeping social distance etc. I pray we can build a firm foundation with the stones thrown at each other and build a strong leadership for the future ahead of us. Crisis is always temporal and this too will pass. As believers, we should hold on to our faith and owe no one anything but love. "Shalom".



The above pictures show some of the seminars which Covid -19 has made it impossible to take place. The last time churches met in Ghana for Sunday or any other worship gathering was March 15, 2020. We are glad that the government has lifted the ban on large gatherings to a maximum of 100 for now. Some churches especially the Mega churches have decided to hold on and not to meet at this time but continue to use virtual means, ie, You-Tube, Facebook, Zoom etc, etc. We will be in consultation with our coordinators to work out the best way to effectively and efficiently move forward with our seminars.

Through your faithful giving the Lord has blessed us to be able to do what God has called us to do. In this time of Covid -19 we are praying for each one of you that God will continue to provide for you as many are facing challenges. We pray God's protection over you. We appreciate your prayer and financial support to continue to be a blessing to the Pastors and leaders.

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." Hebrews 10:35-36

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**PRAYER NEEDS:**

- Prayer for wisdom as we engage the pastors in the way forward.
- Prayer for the Pastors as they adjust to this new challenge of Covid- 19
- Prayer for God's hand to move with the purchase of the 4X4 vehicle which we are waiting to put a bid on. The first bid did not go in our favor. The prices on the market is quite expensive and so hope that this one will go through.
- Pray for God's protection and safety during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Yours Faithfully

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