

As we began the New Year 2021 my thoughts were flooded with a confusing mix of thoughts and emotions. **Praise** and **Protest** are two words that stuck out in my mind. There seemed to be a never ending tension over the past year. I am **PROTESTING!!!** Here we are facing another year with the Corona virus still claiming lives, requiring social distancing, restricting how we meet to worship. There remain questions regarding students being able to physically return to classrooms safely in our new school year which begins in February, and are the students really learning grade level materials by doing packets of school assignments at home without adults that are able to guide and encourage their learning?

I am **PROTESTING!** How are each of you doing? Are you healthy, safe? Are your needs being met? Are you able to continue to support the outreach of my mission? How will I get the school supplies together without my sister here to help compile the student list and shopping list for supplies this year?



I am PRAISING!!! YOUR faithful support that allowed us to provide backpack supplies for 132 students and food provision for their families. Your prayers and encouragement helped me see the light on dark days. **I PRAISE God** for your gifts that helped in the leadership development of several young women, so they were able to assist with the back to school tasks my sister has completed in years past. **I celebrate and PRAISE** you for sharing God's Love because it Breaks Chains and Changes Lives

As we have weathered the storms together these scriptures made me think of our journey together: Psalm 107:28-31 "Yet when they cried out to the Lord in their trouble (**PROTEST**), the Lord brought them out of their distress. He calmed the storm and the waves quieted down. So they rejoiced (**PRAISE**) that the waves became quiet, and he led them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his gracious love and for his awesome deeds on behalf of mankind." 2 Corinthians 13:11 "Finally brothers and sisters, rejoice! (**PRAISE**) Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you."

You have encouraged, you have shared, you have stood with those we serve, you have sustained us in this long difficult time. Thank you for staying committed to us and for choosing **Love**.

Serving Christ in Costa Rica,
Crosby and Sally Johnson

We continue to seek prayer for:

God's favor for our mission and those we serve

Health and safety for Crosby and I, especially with Covid-19

Creativity and patience working with our students and families

Monthly financial support for us, and to meet 2021 educational and food needs in the community and church

Needed repairs and maintenance at church, mission house, and for the van

Harvest Tabernacle weekly service and street outreach meetings

For those we serve, health and safety and increased understanding of what it means to follow Jesus