

# The Wilt Family Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

We believe that our faith is a treasured heritage not a contemporary experiment, so every year we set aside a Sunday and place an emphasis on things that distinguish us as Baptists. This year that day fell on March 15. The next day, the governor of our state began to issue executive orders that made it impossible for us to assemble in person as a church. I was very conflicted about that, not to mention the feeling that over five years of labour was about to go down the drain. It did not take long for the Lord to remind me that it was His church and that He would take care of it. All I needed to do was trust and obey.

It turned out things did not end up as badly as they first appeared. That is not to say we did not face challenges to negotiate during this unprecedented time, but we did learn to try and see the silver lining in every cloud. For example, we noticed that while we were not able to evangelize door-to-door and in the marketplace, our reach was expanded through electronic means. Before the shut-down, it would have been a well attended service if we were able to have fifty in church; but after the shelter-in-place orders were issued, we sometimes averaged one-hundred to one-hundred and fifty per service. We once reached over two-thousand people with a single broadcast! Despite the limitations, we have been able to continue making an impact for the glory of God. Pray for Jim, Luba, Scott, Rosetta, and Machia – all folks that God has allowed us to reach despite the quarantine.

Another blessing that landed in our laps was the space we needed to completely relocate to our new building became available. Sadly, one of our tenants had to close their business due to the shut-down; however, this did allow us to move out of the old building where we leased into the new property we purchased much sooner than expected. We have been working diligently to renovate the space for our use. Much has been accomplished, but there is still much to do. Pray for God to provide the manpower, the means, and the money for us to construct this building the way God wants it.

I have encouraged our people to not be fearful during this time recognizing that we will not live one day longer, nor will we live one day shorter than God intends for us to live. I have encouraged our people to not to make this interruption of our ability to assemble together about our religion or even about our inalienable rights, but rather to remember that church attendance is about our responsibility to God. I hope these things will be an encouragement to all of you as well.

Thank you for your prayers, generous giving, or both. It is not in vain.

Your Friends,  
Greg Sr., Beth Ann, Allyson, & Ben Wilt.

