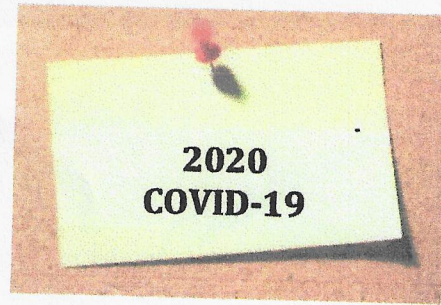


Bixby Bulletin



Greetings from my home to yours!

Do you feel like you are coming out from a long hibernation in which life continued on but so differently than normal that you thought you might be dreaming? I do. It has been an unusual and interesting time, hasn't it?

I was scheduled to fly to France on the Tuesday before France went into their confinement on Sunday, March 15. My heart was saddened to miss the trip but at the same time, I marveled at the Lord's timing. I could have been there already and then I would have had to make a decision about coming back!

My trip had two objectives. I had several medical appointments planned, and I wanted to see my French family as well as church family and be an encouragement to them.

The medical appointments were mainly to complete my five-year plan after my cancer surgery. Instead of them pronouncing me "cancer-free", I did it myself and took time to thank the Lord for his loving care over me. It is hard to believe that five years have passed. God is good, and I am grateful for these years that he has given me.

Even though I was unable to visit in person, I have seen more of my French family than normal during COVID-19. Tim's church immediately started nightly meetings on the internet that I was able to watch faithfully. On Sundays, I attended church "with" them—literally their living room to mine. I watched the Bordeaux services as well. The interaction between the families in the church in France was so encouraging to me. I really feel like the crisis and enforced confinement drew people together. It was a joy to watch.

Life is still uncertain, but then isn't it always? Plans have had to change. New plans have had to be drawn up. But watching God work through this time has been such a joy to my heart. Some of you sent special notes and/or gifts to encourage me. Thank you so very much. Your continual care of me is a blessing that I don't take for granted.

What's next? I really don't know. I'm praying that we can have a family reunion with all my children before Donna leaves for Africa August 10th. Right now, we are still waiting to see if Tim and Ruth and family are able to get here from France. Then the whole family should be together for the first week of August. This fall, Lord willing, I will reschedule my trip to France.

Thank you for praying.

In Christ,
Bonnie Bixby