



Evangelism and hope during the COVID-19 Outbreak

Nobody's life is the same as it was last week. The Coronavirus threat has impacted everyday life in a flash. Things which we have taken for granted are no longer available to us. Food items, toilet paper, sporting events, and jobs have become unavailable, canceled, or postponed.

Everyone is vulnerable in some way or another. Those whose vulnerability is the most threatening are those who rely heavily on others for their food, health, and daily subsistence. They are among the people who we often serve.

What Church Army is recognizing that our love and

evangelistic ministry needs to be accomplished in different ways. In Pennsylvania we have a cafe that serves as our ministry base. Our governor has just ordered all eat-in establishments to close for two weeks. The cafe is now closed. The homeless and addicted can no longer drop into the cafe for a nap, prayer, or counsel. What can we do?

We are going to partner with others in the community to prepare and deliver food as needed. We can't open the cafe but we can still open our kitchen and our hearts.

Throughout the country our evangelists are coming up with new and creative ways to bring the good news of Jesus. The use of technology, and safer hygiene practices have enabled us to adapt to the changing landscape.

The uncertainties around COVID-19 have created a lot of fear. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? Historically the church's witness has grown when it has braved the unknown to show the love of Jesus to those who are most threatened. These days are no different. In place of fear we have the sovereignty of God and the love of Jesus to offer to a frightened world. These days are, thus, an opportunity for evangelism moreso than a threat. What Satan intends for evil, God will use for good.

Please pray for Church Army and your local church as we all come up with creative ways to share the love of Jesus in these uncertain days!

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