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Hi Friends – like everyone we are in lock-down but through the wonders of modern technology and the even greater wonder of the ancient gift of prayer we are still able to be busy encouraging ministry across Europe. Here is a quick update on some of what we are up to.

Our family are well and all together in Sixmilecross as Caroline and Mike are with us. We are very thankful for this blessing and ... there is always someone to talk to or 3 furry friends to cuddle.

Miriam

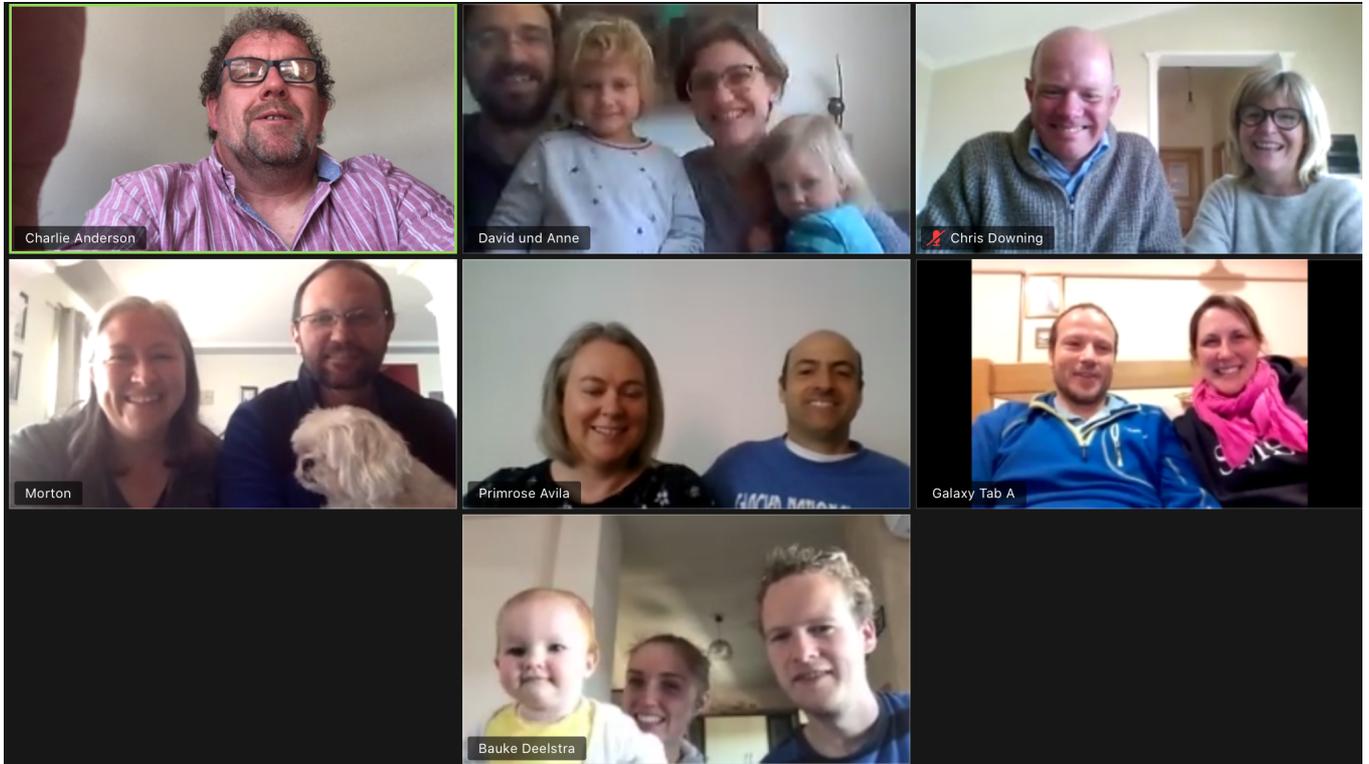
- **Biennial** - 3 weeks before the Croatia Conference I joined the team helping to rework the plans into virtual form. It was a challenge - but **praise God** there were many blessings of encouragement and refreshment brought through seminars, Q and A, bible study, worship, and prayer.
- **Member Care** – We have had some listening and praying opportunities with those in difficult situations; missionaries separated from seriously ill loved ones back home, some feeling lonely and grieving the loss of contact with friends in everyday life and ministry. Many missionaries in lockdown have no close family nearby. Others, unable to leave their homes at all, find it difficult to cope especially as friends contract the corona virus. **Please continue to pray for wisdom, sensitivity and for God to use us as this ministry grows.**
- **Admin** - We are thankful to God to have had time off over Easter. **Please pray that He will help us get used to the different mode of working and that we will be able to trust Him** in the difficulties of making plans at this time.

Charlie

... *'if the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that'* (James 4:15)

This text never seemed more appropriate than today, as my diary popup reminds me I should be in Bosnia where, along with a team from Ballydown Pres. Church, we had hoped to do literature distribution. Though many of my plans for the past 2 months, and the next ??? months have gone to the wall, it is good to remember that God is still in control. There remains plenty to be done and we see God challenging us to be creative and proactive in continuing to encourage and support our partners and friends across Europe.

Like many, my meetings now look like this (the ECM Albania Team).



Praise God for the technology available and reports of many online services with increased participation.

A big prayer point for me is the challenge of how to develop what has been the face to face, visiting, meeting, seeing and doing part of my ministry into something that fulfils the same goals of encouraging, facilitating, promoting and resourcing, but doing it virtually.

As the literature team and our summer team to Bugojno, Bosnia are cancelled, please pray that God would encourage the small group of believers in their faith and help them to reach into the community in other ways.

Thank you so much for you support and prayers, please keep safe.

Charlie and Miriam



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