

Jeremiah 29:11

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES
THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO
HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE
AND A FUTURE."

## Unexpected

After 540 days of strict quarantine during this pandemic, (with no visitors at all) we were quite shocked to find our home positive for COVID.

I wasn't expecting COVID. We have been so strict, so careful, so diligent. And I think we were all devastated- on top of being very sick- so much sacrifice and work seemed to be for nothing.

An already tired staff has had to work around the clock caring for the fevers, coughs, and aching bodies of our precious children that we had been trying to protect for more than 15 months.

And then exhausted, nurse each other.

But as we locked down- cocooned once again- we continued to see God's hand move... quietly but with comfort and strength.

We intended to handle this alone but things went a different way... and my worries and fears have been washed away in the goodness of God and the generosity and concern of people.

Delicious meals have been dropped off, fruit and vegetables, diapers and alcohol, medicine, and things that we have needed have been miraculously provided by people we don't even know.

And as each fever leaves, and the coughs begin to fade, and smiles return, we cannot express how grateful we are for every single prayer that has been said on our behalf and for every single donation that has been given. Things could have turned out very differently.

What perhaps could have been meant for evil, God has turned into good. As only He can. And the victory will be ours as we continue to rely on a Good Father who loves His children.

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude- how the acts of kindness speak to our children and show them how precious and valuable they truly are.

## There is hope in love.

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Whatever you give, will make a difference as we work in bringing care, healing and hope to children in crisis.

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