

Greetings from the team at Emmanuel Academies and Emmanuel Communities!

We hope and pray that our latest newsletter finds you well, given the chaotic environment we are currently living in. As I noted in our last message, following the postponement of our 2020 Celebration of Progress Gala, though practicing Social Distancing and each of us working from our respective homes, progress in our ministries continues to be made each day.

First and foremost, we want to say **thank you** for all the support you continue to provide, whether in time, talent or treasure! We have had some wonderful conversations over the past few days with supporters, and we are continuing to welcome and greatly appreciate all commitments of support, regardless of timing and amounts.

Though we had been hopeful of financial support from the CARES Act and its Payroll Protection Program, based upon the latest communications from Chase (our bank since inception), Chase is not accepting our application. We will continue to follow up on this. Given the voluminous level of applications and Chase's high level of reliance on technology, we may not have the opportunity to access such funds. During the time, your support is particularly appreciated as we continue to advance the missions of Emmanuel Communities and Emmanuel Academies.

This newsletter will share with you in words and images the most important advances and forward movements that we are proud of and which demonstrate our ongoing commitment to bring our combined visions to fruition. Together we are striving to improve our communities and our world, through our efforts in Eastern Collier and equipping future pastors, as we **share the Good News of the Gospel and its relevancy and importance in our world today!**

I also want to specifically inform you that my dear colleague and friend, Deirdre Lapp, effective at the end of this month, will be leaving our team to fully concentrate on her vocational calling serving her daughters and husband. Please see my complete announcement of this at:
Though Deirdre will be very much missed, we are using this opportunity to increase responsibilities of both Crystal and Laurie, based upon their great work and desire to grow professionally and personally, and we will be adding new capabilities to benefit both entities over the coming months.

In closing, Thank You! We are very thankful to continue this vital work demonstrating God's love for our neighbors and world. We hope that through this newsletter God's love will be shared and magnified!

Know that you are in are prayers, and we ask that you keep us in yours. Please stay well and stay in touch!



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