



A MESSAGE FROM THE CRISTA CEO RE: COVID-19 (UPDATED MARCH 11, 2020)

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

This open to Psalm 46 could not ring any more true right now, at a time in which our world continues to respond to the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Our God is indeed our stronghold, and I am thankful that our faith leads us back to Him as the creator and protector of all things. I am particularly thankful for the work of so many who care for those in poor health, those who institute prevention measures, and those who are thinking and planning for what God would have us do next. I join all of them – and all of you – in praying for peace and guidance during this time.

Here at CRISTA Ministries, we have nearly 2,000 employees and volunteers that are living out our mission of serving the needs of the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ each day. We serve millions of people each year globally, including communities and locations that are categorized as being at a “higher risk” for contracting COVID-19.

The CRISTA Ministries Family has and will continue to carry out all preventative measures that we believe will lower risk, prevent illness and address fear. I could not be more proud of our team for exhausting all efforts to provide a safe environment for our staff and those we serve.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have initiated additional preventative social distancing measures:

- On March 5, CRISTA employees falling within an “at risk” category were encouraged to engage with their supervisor about working remotely if their job duties permitted.
- On March 5, the King’s Schools Annual Auction event planned for March 13 was rescheduled.
- On March 8, our CRISTA Senior Living communities began restricting access to our licensed health care areas to only visits essential for the provision of care.
- On March 9, at King’s Schools we initiated a temporary transition to a remote learning platform for our Preschool, Elementary, Junior High and High School campuses.

Prayer. Prevention. Planning Ahead. The ministries of CRISTA will continue to unite efforts with these three objectives outlining our actions to responsibly protect the individuals and communities we have the privilege of serving.

At CRISTA, we pray that God would comfort those in our world that are experiencing loss. But through our preventative measures and unceasing commitment to continue serving the world, we will also stand against fear in Jesus’ name.

In His peace,

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Chief Executive Officer