

## 2020/03/24 Grant Announcement video 3

Hello everybody, I thought it wise to give an update of where we stand right now as a church with our plans and I know that some of you are more involved in this than others but for all of us, the entire world right now, we are facing something we've never faced before. We've got friends

all over the world that I've been in close comms with them especially the churches in Europe and our churches in the middle east that are way down the road compared with us so we're just asking for wisdom from the Lord on how to navigate things. As you know, our plan is to stop all

services at our regular Sunday venues and move it into homes. And so we have produced amazing services. The first is in Zulu, that's an adult service for an hour, the second is in English that's an adult service for an hour and the third is a children's service for half an hour. I need to tell you guys that when I watched those things this morning I was absolutely overwhelmed.

We've never done church like this before, we've never done digital things before but basically the church service that you're going to be experiencing on Sunday was a service with our staff

and some of the d teamers on Wednesday morning and we worshipped together and guys gave prophetic words and there was a testimony and Justine Wimble was our host, MCing the

meeting, I preached through Colossians chapter 1 and then on the children's side there's an incredible teaching and songs, activities and it's absolutely brilliant, I was totally blown away

and very humbled at what our media team and our children's church team can put together.  
So

you probably want to know how this is going to work, well it comes out in various forms and so

whether you've got HDMI cables or you've got flash disks or whether you can go straight onto

youtube with your tv or whether you need the old fashioned CD, we have ways of getting that to you. Every site has a technical person and a team around them to come and help you so we're

gonna get our videos, our services, to the leaders of homes. And only giving it to the leaders of homes by Friday morning. So we're saying you guys who are leading homes, get the technology

tested. If you can't get it working, phone our technical support guys so they can help and you can operate on Sunday morning. We want to get into the routine of running these services in your homes so it's One Life church in your home at the time that your normal service would be. And you say, 'well Grant, why are you doing that?' Well we're doing this because we want to get into the rhythm, our families are in rhythms and ultimately we want to go back to church. We originally thought we'd live stream but you know we've realised that the internet capabilities across our nations, especially in the rural areas and inner cities aren't quite what they are in

Europe so we've done prerecorded things but as if it were Sunday and I'm telling you the Holy Spirit is going to move. This is our dream that in those meetings, people are going to get saved,

in those meetings, people are going to be prayed for and the Holy Spirit is going to come upon people, our children are going to be ministered to. You see the bible says forsake not the

gathering of believers. It's not appropriate to do church just by yourself in the bath or in your bed

and we really want to teach our children that way, it would be ok for 3 or 4 weeks but if you

listen to everyone around the world, this could last a lot longer than 3 or 4 weeks. It is good to keep the biblical disciplines of meeting together. The Bible says if two or three are gathered

together in His name, there He is. And so we're saying that these meeting sizes should be small.

Ramaphosa our president has said that church meetings should be 100 strong and no more than

100 but we want to be way ahead of that curve, we're saying that there should be under 10 we're

saying, you know, a family and another family, that's fine, a couple and another 2 couples, that's

fine and so because we understand that people are fearful and people are concerned about who

will come into their home and so we are not running this through our elders, our deacons, our leaders, we are saying if you are a believer in Jesus and you would like to have this in your home

and invite a friend go onto our website and click that button that says I want to host 1 of these

and we will ensure that you become one of our house leaders. Our church in homes leaders

which means that you will get the resources. If you are sick, or if you are having to self

quarantine or if you are a high risk person and you are having to do life and you're in total

lockdown, that's possible and that is going to come. Go onto that website, tell us your story and

we will make it just for you to watch it. We are absolutely adamant that what we are wanting to try do is get the church in small groups used to fellowship in this way, used to receiving ministry this way and we want to get to know who you are so that if you have to go into lockdown, we know who you are, we can be the church of help for the elderly and sick, we will be able to

bring

food parcels et. etc. and so we want people to be connected. If you're going overseas and you have to go into quarantine, we know where you are so we can pray for you and we can stay connected with you. The church of Jesus is not about buildings it's about family and it's about being connected and so here's our message to you. We're wanting to isolate corona, we're

wanting to isolate from big crowds of people but we don't want to isolate spiritually. A friend of

mine in the Middle East reminded me about Genesis chapter 4. God comes looking for Cain and

He says to Cain, "Where is your brother?", remember Cain's brother had been murdered. He

says, "Where's your brother?" and I believe God is saying to us, "Where is your brother?" This

is the time the church should not be running and hiding in their own little caves and not caring about anybody else. God says, "Where's your brother?" We know Cain's reply, he says, "Am I

my brother's keeper?" And God says, "Yes Christian, One life family member you are your brother's keeper." And so we can probably only do this in groups of 4 and 6 etc but we want to keep each other, we want to hold each other, we want to minister to each other and so I will keep

giving updates every couple of days as to how things are progressing but as it stands right now, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of homes across our region are going to be doing church this sunday at their normal site times. God bless you and I trust that He ministers

deeply to you.