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Dear Corda Tympani, Taeni Coli, Corpus Callosum et al.,

The end of another week and I have not received word that anyone has been infected (you have to say that with gravity like you are in a pantomime – boo! Hiss! INFECTED. Ughh!). We are living quietly at home and managing not to strangle each other.

I have been on call all week, so I have had to be out and about this week. And today when the weary worker (be quiet Brendan, it does happen!) arrived home he was greeted with the demand to “take your virusy clothes off!”. Then I was ordered to cook dinner! I prefer to look on it as recognition of my superior culinary skill.

The end of this week has provided a glimpse of the relief that will come when this pandemic breaks and we are released from the restrictions. I have not actually found these restrictions to be restrictive. I once made the argument at a university debate that a person is truly free when operating inside their responsibilities. And this is similar, all of the potential meetings (Parish Council is next!) that have us running around can't occur, so you just have to do what you want – go home and have dinner with your family. What a joy! And the young adults can't run off to socialise each night, so they have to stay and (draw back with horror on your face here) RELATE TO THEIR PARENTS! Can't you see the knock on effects of making them do that?

Bible study this week was undertaken via Skype. We learnt some basic lessons, like mute your microphone when you are not speaking; make sure that your laptop is connected to a power supply before you start (that's one for the 'young' players; right Megan?); get a comfortable chair at the start; point your camera at your face otherwise everyone will think you are a midget (Kathy!). There will be another installment of lessons next week I expect.

John Thew's "Around the Bible in 365 Days" has reached a milestone. We have finished Genesis in the YouVersion app. It is a very handy app because you can read in multiple versions, AND you can have a read version also. I have taken to reading in ESV and listening to the Message version of the same passages. The Message is particularly good for one thing; when the Bible says "and he named his child Gershom" (or something similar), it tells you in parentheses "(which means sojourner)". The gang hasn't launched into mass commenting yet, but I can feel the enthusiasm building in Gerard Drury and Fiona Deliseo! Fortunately we have been spared comments about Figtree (eh Dennis!). We are 27 days in and it is slowly becoming an easy daily event. Soon it will start to look like a habit.

Well, that's just about ends what I have to say. I'll write again later. I am grateful to our Lord who connects us even when we have no communication. We know that prayers for each other will produce good because He is good. In the quiet of our present lives where we are forced to be distant, listen for his message. Take the time to read more of his word. Pick one book and read it 10-20 times until you know what He is getting at.

Oh, I just realised in our Body we have a Brain! Sorry, bad joke.

Andrew