

Dear Mentor,

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many of our normal activities to shift in some way, including your ministry with Crossroads. We want to be wise during this pandemic—not only to protect ourselves but also to show love to our neighbors.

Currently, the Crossroads home office is closed, but staff members are working from home. We are grateful to have figured out a process that allows us to continue receiving lessons from students and forwarding them to you.

We remain hopeful that we can continue our mentorship program uninterrupted throughout this crisis. Crossroads is more important than ever. Your ministry as a mentor is more important than ever. Prisons are now closed to visitors and volunteers, yet a door remains open for you to visit and encourage your students through your written words.

In the midst of these turbulent times, I have some good news for you! To better communicate with and support you, we will begin sending *Just for Mentors* updates weekly! Since our office is closed and we have decreased staff and volunteer capacity, we won't be able to continue sending *Just for Mentors* in the mail for the time being. Going forward, the weekly *Just for Mentors* newsletter will be sent to you via email. **If you are not on our email list and would like to be added, please contact us at mentor@cpministries.org.**

We hope these weekly emails will serve you and encourage you even more. Please let us know if there are other ways we can support you during this time.

I want to leave you with these tips for your letters this week:

- Share honestly with your students what you are feeling and how you are working through any anxieties or fears that you may be experiencing.
- Consider encouraging them with this verse: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Serving alongside you,

Douglas Cupery
Church Mobilization Director

NEWS & NOTES FOR MENTORS

- You can find printable materials, such as stationery, on the Crossroads website. From the home page, go to the “Resources” tab and click “For Mentors.” Or you can simply type the following URL into your internet browser: cpministries.org/resources/mentors

If you have any questions, please contact the mentor support team at mentor@cpministries.org.

- We have received a number of questions about whether COVID-19 can be spread through the mail. The United States Postal Service has expressed that the risk is very low. You can read their statement here: about.usps.com/newsroom/statements/usps-statement-on-coronavirus.htm