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Hi Everyone!

I'm John Scott and I wanted to share how God is blessing me through Village Green Church and beyond, especially during the Corona Virus health crisis.

For those who don't know me, I am single, living with my cat in an one-bedroom apartment 5 minutes from the church. When news of the Corona virus arrived in the middle of March, I felt somewhat in shock, as the church closed its doors and became available online only.

At the beginning, not having home internet, I struggled to maintain my connection with church, able only to access the internet at friends. Late April, my phone company offered me a data plan with my smartphone. In conversations with Jon Korkidakis and Matthew Burkholder, I overcame my anxiety, saying yes to data on my phone. Since then, I've really enjoyed the online Sunday Morning services at home.

God has been teaching me to yes to life despite the anxiety and loneliness I sometimes feel. I've regularly worked for a couple from Village Green doing housekeeping. During Spring they offered me yard work on several occasions which helped with paid work and seeing friends outside in a safer environment.

Village Green has really encouraged me towards a healthier life. Late last year, Devon Snelgrove motivated me to have a home exercise program, which I started and stayed faithful to ever the winter. In May, when God encouraged us to fast and pray, God helped me rise to the challenge. Fasting and praying also helped me grow in wisdom and self-control with my internet data plan on my smartphone.

I'm also amazed how God helped me say yes to a job search during these difficult times.

A friend from church connected me with an employment counsellor who works with adults having barriers to employment. We started meeting in January through feeling awkward, we changed to having phone meetings in March, every 2 weeks. She helped me update my resume (having data really helped with this!). I was able to apply for a job I'd be a good fit for. I was recently phone interviewed and it went well.

In all of this, God has been teaching me to say yes to life, despite my anxiety and insecurity. God used Village Green Church to help me find opportunities to stay connected, become more healthy and down the road, God willing, find new work.

We serve a great God!

John Scott