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We human beings love to live our life with our dreams and our goals. Our own goals set routines for our life in which we are playing for our life. We do similar kinds of work every day. However, do we feel tired of this life? Maybe “Yes” or maybe “No”! “Yes”, because we choose this life, and this life is making us happy. In this life, we are getting our expected results. On the other hand, “No”, because I choose this life, but this life is not flourishing for us. Various factors are affecting our everyday work.

Recently the situation all over the world has become unstable because of one factor, COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019). It is now the talk of the town, the talk of the world. When we get up in the morning, we listen to news about COVID-19, watch TV, browse social media, talk with friends and colleagues; it’s all about COVID-19. Why so much talk about this virus? It is because it’s a life-threatening virus. We accept various unexpected issues in our lives and go along with them. However, when it is life-threatening, we feel more concerned. We do everything we can to escape from life-threatening issues.

When COVID-19 first appeared in the world, most countries did not pay much attention to it. However, when they gave it their utmost concern, it was already too late. The virus had spread everywhere through humans and other materials. That is why, at that time, the only concern was to stay at home, keep social distancing, maintain proper cleanliness to escape the virus (some rules suggested by WHO and the government). Moreover, in some countries, the local government strictly applied lockdown where people cannot go outside except for an emergency.



We in SIL Bangladesh followed the same rules suggested by WHO (World Health Organization) and the local government. SIL Bangladesh decided to stay at home and do the office work from

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home. For about three months, we stayed at home and did our office work there. A super active life became slow, became almost stopped. We were not prepared for this life. As a result, life became somewhat boring. We were a little tired of waiting so long to see our beautiful stable life return. However, every situation has its positive and negative impacts; we just need to discover them. During the lockdown period of staying at home, we missed our SIL Bangladesh office, sometimes missed various logistical supports too. Moreover, it was a little tough for our working mothers to do office work in the home environment as they had children at home. Life became a struggle of trying to balance both office work and household work . However, as we have said, every situation has its positivity and its negativity, the working mothers along with fathers, brothers, and sisters who had rarely got time to spend with their family, got a chance to share some valuable moments with their loved ones.

Various social media played a vital role at that time, as we communicated with everyone through these social media. A creative initiative taken by SIL Bangladesh was to meet twice a week (through social media – a virtual devotional meeting) and share our thoughts and concerns with all the staff. Furthermore, we had team update meetings every work day. We did some fun activities during our quarantine (lockdown) period where every staff member tried to do something funny which gave us pleasure. Life started to be somewhat enjoyable and, after a time, we were able to adjust to the situation. We felt that, although we may live in different places, we are connected with every person in SIL Bangladesh.

Sometimes we may need a break. This time Covid-19 has given us a break to think differently about life. Life is mysteriously beautiful. That is why; anything can happen at any time in our well-regulated life and can affect our life or beautify our life. We just need to stay calm and carefully choose the right path to either overcome it or accept it. Our thinking should always be positive to search for the positivity in negativity.

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