

Through My Eyes

By Misty Draper on April 30th, 2020

I wake up bright and early to the quiet pitter patter of fingers dancing on a keyboard in my husband's corner office, the corner of our bedroom that is. As I wipe sleep from my eyes and exit my room, I hope he is not on a video call, recording it all. (He swears that will never happen, but it is still one of my fears these days.)

I step down the hall to wake my children that are so excited to start their day. Once, twice, three times I call them, maybe four, or five times are needed before they are moving and begging for food. We eat, take the dogs out for their morning routine and then I am ready to work.

My workday looks like this: I have reports to check and tasks to complete. I have emails and phone calls to make, then I get the opportunity to learn for myself. I took an excel class to better my skills and I will soon start another. Steven Covey the author of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" describes it as "Sharpening the Saw". I have had time to fresh my skills to be able to work better in the future.

Social distancing is not hard for me as I like to stay home. I am typically busier than I like to be with work, school, kids, clubs, church youth groups and so on. January, February and the beginning of March are a blur and then it all stopped. We stood still, we were confused, not sure if we had enough toilet paper...

We started new routines and have picked up the pieces and are looking for the good. I love watching my kids work together, learning new things, learning in new ways, spending more time together. It will be interesting to look back on this time from the future. I hope this is the way I will remember it, only time will tell.

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