



2020: Life in the Time of Corona(virus)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Philippines imposed a community quarantine in Metro Manila (and eventually to the whole Luzon) from 15 March to 14 April 2020. This forced businesses to temporarily close, advised people to stay indoors, and encouraged employees to work from home.

For some who are not used to being cooped up at home, this could be challenging and my empathy goes to them.

To help those who find themselves on an unfamiliar path, I'm sending you this newsletter as a resource on remote work and freelancing. If you know someone who might need these info, feel free to share this with them. It's my gift to everyone on my 51st birthday.

Are You Ready?

Ready to go freelance? Are you ready to embrace the work at home life? [Read this first](#) for a good reality check just so you won't quit your job without knowing what you're getting into.

Tools of the Trade

[Click here](#) for a list of free apps which will help you achieve an organized, productive, and efficient work from home life.

Beware of Bad Clients

I've had a few of them, too. [Read here](#) about those types of clients freelancers encounter which give freelancing a bad name.

In Black & White

I've been asked about this before. [Read here](#) about what you should put into your contract for freelance work.

How Much Will You Charge?

This is one of the most often-asked questions about freelancing. [Click here](#) to see four ways you may charge clients for your remote work.

7 Ways to Earn

[Read here](#) the seven ways on how you can earn cash just by writing... and it's not necessarily just for writers.

Time Management

Have you heard of the Pomodoro Technique? See if this time management system works for you [here](#). And if you love notebooks like I do, [click here](#) to read more on ways how to Bullet Journal.

Pros & Cons

Still having doubts on remote work? [Click here](#) to read about the myths and misconceptions about working from home.

Internet is Life

Do you agree? See how the Internet has made an impact on remote work [here](#).

Online Presence

[Read here](#) the six good reasons why you should have a website. And I encourage you to have one.

And Think About This

"The half-life of a learned skill is 5 years. Much of what you learned 10 years ago is obsolete and half of what you learned 5 years ago is irrelevant." [Read here](#) about online learning.

May this 450-word email helps you in this trying time. Stay safe, everyone, and let's keep in touch.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Issa', with a small smiley face drawn below it.

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