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He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6

It's pretty obvious that God loves predictive, conditional sentence structure that outlines resulting consequences that believers can anticipate. He outlines such expected outcomes for His people who will humble themselves and pray, for those who will have a mustard seed-sized faith, and for those who will truly love Him and keep His commandments, to name a few. He predicts *certain, joyous, rewarding* reaping for *active, humble and faithful* sowers, too.

What could be more gratifying than to see the living product of years of God's grace and Jesus' blood, sweat and tears coupled with offerings of energy, resources, and prayerful, faithful teamwork? Over the past years in Tepic, there have been multiple examples of men and women who have believed, given their hearts and souls to the Savior, committed themselves to His service, and have been trained, motivated and who have consequently flourished in their God-designed ministries.

Christian is the most recent of those who have offered their lives to serve. He received a tearful, yet joyful, send-off from IBBM-Tepic in July, and he has adapted well to his position as a student at the Rio Grande Bible Institute. He wrote this to those who have had a part in sending him to Bible college: "The Lord has confirmed my call to serve Him full-time; as I have said before, most of my family is not convinced nor do they agree that I should devote my life to serving God; and furthermore, I do not have the resources to pay for schooling away from home. Nevertheless, God is my portion; I know He will continue to provide for my preparation to serve him." We are seeing the fulfilling of another of those predictive, conditional statements coming to fruition right before our very eyes with a **certain, joyous** and **rewarding** yield!



God often uses difficult times to prove that He is faithful. That is the case with my little grandson, David, in his battle with relapsed leukemia, this time in the central nervous system.

This path is one of extreme pain and sadness infused with much-appreciated moments of reprieve for our little boy named David. Our hearts break with gratitude as we watch him travel it so bravely. It seems impossible that a 5-year old would have the wisdom, stamina and the faith constantly to be teaching us about God's grace, provision and faithfulness, but that's how it is.

Some days are better than others. Little David was hospitalized due to the major chemo-erosion of cells in every square centimeter of his mouth, esophagus and intestines. Those lesions left the blood stream



open to bacterial invasion from the intestines leaving him with critical infection, moment-by-moment on the brink of sepsis. That's often fatal. Only God's grace is sufficient; watching it in action is not easy. In fact, I can't imagine how people in this situation make it without the assurance of God's sovereign, omniscient love, power and grace, and the enormous, super-supportive network of friends and family that we have walking through this with us.

Some of those walking and weeping through this trial with us, are those whose lives have been dramatically changed by the precious seed that was sown years ago. The seed germinated, took root, and has now ripened with the Gospel-message and has come full-circle to be used **actively, humbly** and **faithfully**. I'm grateful I was able to be in the States last month to help with some of David's family's care. During the time I was away, I received constant notes of encouragement from brothers and sisters from Tepic and Huichol villages who have come alongside weeping and bearing precious seed.

- **José Luis** from the village of La Bendición sent me a Facebook (YES!) message: "Debbie, sometimes our life is like a storm-tossed boat. I'll encourage you with the Word of God. '...Then Jesus said unto them, take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' Mt. 4: 22-26"
- **Noemí** from IBBM shared about another David and the reason for his deliverance in 1 Samuel. "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand... *that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.*"
- **Carmen** encouraged us from IBBM's defining verse, Lam. 3:22-23 "...the Lord's mercies... are new every morning: great is His faithfulness."
- Huichol Pastor **Refugio** reminded us of God's faithfulness in the meaning of "Ebenezer" in 1 Sam. 7:12: "Till now the Lord has helped us." His church is praying for David.



Thank you all for **actively, humbly** and **faithfully** sowing with us all these years. Little did I know that my family and I would be one of the needy recipients of the consequences of God's predicted **certain, joyous** and **rewarding** returns. He is unwavering in fulfilling the anticipated conditional consequences as we *doubtlessly come again with rejoicing, bringing along our sheaves.*

All because of Jesus and in His love,

Debbie