

# Overflowing With Thankfulness

Fall/Winter 2014



AN UPDATE FROM CRAIG, KRISTI, JOSHUA, & KATIE LIBBY

## **"I will supply all you need."**

It has been quite a year for us. When we sent out our letter one year ago Kristi was starting her six rounds of chemotherapy. We were looking at needing to raise 100% of Craig's financial support through donations. Craig's arm was in the slow healing process. Then, early in January, Kristi sensed a still small voice say, "I will supply all you need." As we look back over this past year we are excited to testify to you of God's providence in our lives.

**Physically:** Craig had a surgery removing the hardware from his wrist and fixing carpal tunnel at the same time. This has helped to alleviate almost all of the pain he was having and his strength has returned to about 90% of what it was. Kristi made it through chemo without one episode of vomiting! Of the myriad of side effects that she could/should have had, hair loss, tiredness and some numbness in fingers and toes were the only significant ones. After three treatments her PET scan came back clear! She finished all six rounds of chemo as was recommended. Her last treatment was February 13. She continues to check in with her oncologist every 3 months. Each of her oncology visits

brings a good report. She plan to have another scan in May 2015. We are trusting God for complete healing and another "clear" scan.

### **God is our Healer.**

When we were with a team in Palenque in September, the van Craig and the kids were in with some team members was hit broadside at about 45 mph by a large transit van. While this could have been bad in so many ways, we can only see the things to be grateful for: it happened right in front of our hospital where our Mexican friends could help us, there were no serious injuries, the pedestrians (a patient) who had been standing in that spot a minute before had just left in a taxi, we had full insurance coverage, we had time to work through the insurance process without missing flights. **God is our Protector.**

**Financially:** God promises to supply our every need and He has. While we counted up the amounts that people had pledged to send in, it never seemed to add up to what was needed, but then without fail, as it was needed, a one time gift or a yearly gift would come in so that we had what was needed. In



our humanness we try to figure and plan, but God was teaching us to rest on Him and see Him provide through various people, churches and organizations. **God is our Provider.**

**Spiritually:** In going through these tough times we have come to know God in a deeper, more significant, more reliant way. He wants to be our Everything, but we have to get to a place where we know we can't do anything about a situation in order to fully relax and rest in Him. We have been filled with peace through it all. **He is our Alpha & Omega.**

**Emotionally:** In addition to travel for the ministry, we have been blessed with some special time with family and friends in Texas, New England, and Florida. We were grateful for these times of rest and recuperation. **He is our Shepherd.**

From March through December we hit the road running, rejoicing in God's

healing touch. By the end of the year we will have coordinated over 60 teams and traveled with 13 teams to 6 different Mexican Medical locations, and Craig led one team to Cuba. We do this so that we can let people know that **He is the Savior.**

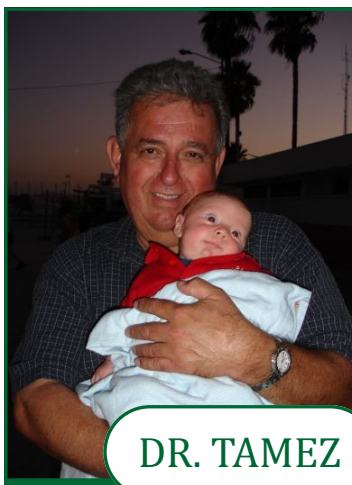
**Giving thanks  
always  
for all things  
unto God and  
the Father  
in the  
name of our  
Lord Jesus  
Christ**



## La Esperanza

### Family Team from Reel Life International

This year was our second annual Reel Life family team. What a joy to serve with families! Half of the team are children, mostly under 12 years old! We provided a health fair, Vacation Bible School and put a roof on Hospital El Buen Pastor. It was a great week!



DR. TAMEZ

In November our good friend, mentor, and partner in the Gospel, Dr. Cesar Tamez, passed away. The loss is great and the sadness profound, but we trust that the Lord is going to fill the many voids created by his departure.



### PALENQUE

Katie assists in teaching how to make home made oral rehydration solution (Gatorade) to help save lives from dehydration.



### Tijuana Brigadas



Why we do what we do... Angel (on the left) shared the Gospel with this man and He came to know Jesus as his Savior. The Lord has given us great partners in Tijuana and we continue to do large outreaches there at least 3 times each year. Hundreds have come to know Christ as their Savior this year in Tijuana.

Thank you for partnering with us through prayer, joining teams and financial gifts. God uses you to encourage us! May you too be encouraged to see how your support is spreading the Gospel.

*Merry Christmas!*  
In His Grip,

Craig, Kristi,  
Josh and Katie



### GABRIEL HOUSE

In addition to three dental teams, we led to this special needs orphanage, we also led a week long team from Reno, NV and did "summer camp" activities. Josh enjoyed checkers while Katie enjoyed the babies.

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In October, Craig led a team from Reel Life Intl. to Cabo. The team's goal was to encourage the people who had lost a lot, if not everything in September's Hurricane Odile. They were able to construct shelters, help feeding programs, offer health fairs, and be used to minister spiritually to these people who were severely effected by the hurricane.



## Cabo



Craig had the opportunity to lead a team to Cuba (yes, Cuba!) in November. His vision was to take some of our Mexican partners on an overseas mission trip. This is Octavio and Maria Luisa, two of our key partners in Tijuana. John Bibler, on the right, joins us in our Tijuana Brigadas where he is known as "the eye glass guy." The Holy Spirit is on the move in Cuba. The team was able to lead about 120 people to Christ in the week they were there. Craig says it is like walking into the book of ACTS with people walking up to you on the street saying, "I need to know this Jesus."

## Cuba