

# Libby News

"Created intentionally by God for His story" - that was our theme for Mexican Medical for 2018. As I, Kristi, signed every letter and email with that tagline it caused me to stop and think about the fact that I was created by God with intention, with purpose; not for my own profit or gain, but for His. So given this fact, that we were created on purpose by God for His story, I thought about, "What makes a good story?" It's the characters. We read a book or a story and we get wrapped up in the lives of the people in that story, be they real or imagined. So then, is it reasonable to think that I should be wrapped up in the real lives of the people around me? We should!

Another word for this thought of being wrapped up in the lives of others would be relationships, first with God and then with those around us. So this year we want to praise God for the relationships He's blessed us with...

We are grateful to **God** for sending His Son to live, die, and rise again so that we can have a personal relationship with God, our Creator. We can speak to Him through prayer and He can communicate with us through His Word.

**Our family of four.** It was five years ago on November 1 that Kristi started her chemotherapy treatments. In January it will mark five years since Dr. Saven told us that there were no signs of cancer on the PET scan. So we are grateful for our family of four and the time that God has given us to love each other and others.

**Our greater family.** (Parents, siblings and spouses, nieces & nephews...) As our parents get a little older and physical issues start to crop up, we are grateful for time that we have been able to spend with them and our siblings at various times throughout the year. We have a rich heritage of faith in action from our families for which we are appreciative.

**Friends.** We have been blessed beyond measure with friends... friends from teams that we see once a year, friends from church that we worship with weekly, friends from activities that the Josh & Katie are involved in, friends we've made through home-schooling, friends that we work with in Mexico, friends that have been a part of our lives for years and years and have all those fun (sometimes embarrassing) memories to share. These relationships are many, rich and deep for all four of us.

**Partners in Ministry.** Our heartfelt love is unending to those who pray for us, give financially, and work beside us for the sake of the Gospel. The times when we can share with you what's going on in the ministry, spend time with you, work with you, play with you, and pray for you are some of our most favorite times of the year. We wish there was more that we could do to express our gratitude to you.

For each of these relationships: God, Family, Greater Family, Friends, and Partners in Ministry, we praise God. All of you reading this letter fit into one of these descriptions, many of you fall under two or three of them. As we close out 2018 and celebrate the relationships we have been blessed with; we celebrate you. Our prayer for 2019 is that we continue to do acts of love within these relationships so that the greatest relationship of all, our one with God, is displayed for others to see and desire in their own lives.



## PRAISE GOD FOR 2018:

Through Mexican Medical:

1,450 volunteers served

30 mission trips

18,344 impacts

1,473 decisions for Christ

### Prayer Requests:

That many will confess Christ as their Savior.

For volunteers to serve with us.

For health and safety.

That our personal quiet time with the Lord will be rich and fruitful.

That our relationships with our partners in ministry will grow deeper and stronger.

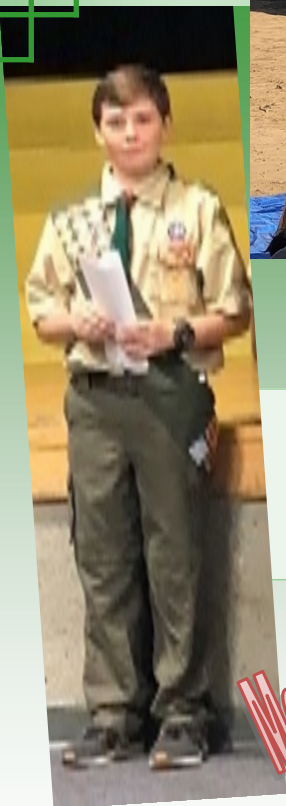
For the supplies, people and funds to accomplish all that the Lord has for us to do.

To partner with us financially checks can be made payable to Mexican Medical Ministries with memo "For Libby Support" to:

Mexican Medical Ministries  
7850 Lester Avenue  
Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Or online at  
[www.mexicanmedical.com](http://www.mexicanmedical.com)





A Star rank Boy Scout.



Katie (third from left) helping with a play for Vacation Bible School in Mexico



Kristi translating.



A visit to Yosemite

*With grateful hearts for all God has given us,  
we joyfully share these moments with you.*

*Merry Christmas!*

Craig working on the roof at La Esperanza



Josh as a Roman Soldier in the VBS skit in Mexico.



Josh helping with worship in Mexico



Katie performing in a musical.

*In His Grip,  
Craig & Kristi  
Joshua  
Katie*



Katie teaching how to make oral rehydration solution at a Brigada.