

# Are you planting the seed of the Word of God?



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Dear Praying Friends,

Every time I look at my little garden in the backyard I wonder if the tomato plants are going to produce fruit this year. It always reminds me of the parable in Mark 4:3-20. Some seed fell by the wayside, some in stony ground, some among thorns, and other in good ground. For six years now I have been teaching the manager of a bank; but even though he understands, he still continues to reject God's wonderful grace of salvation. Please pray for him as he desires to continue to meet with me to study God's Word.

After 27 years of not having any contact with David, I received the following letter: "Dear Pastor Philippi, In 1986, in the city of Guadalajara, your wife presented the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to my parents, Dr. Horacio and Patricia Berruecos. Even though I was only 11 years old at the time, you were very kind to invite me out to eat a hamburger with you. It was then that you clearly explained the Gospel to me and I truly repented of my sins and gave myself to Jesus Christ. We moved to Tijuana in 1989, and I stopped growing in the Lord. My parents divorced and then there came 15 years of drought and despair into my life, but the conversion that took place in my life that day had an eternal impact. Today I have a wife and two beautiful daughters who love God and serve him. And this all started because you and your wife were faithful to your missionary ministry by reaching into the lives of many. I pray that God will continue to use you both and bless you with good health! I love you in Christ's love, David."

David's mother wrote to me a few days later and shared with me the following: "I could write a letter of many pages; but most importantly I want to tell you that I turned away from the Lord for awhile, but He brought me back to the Way and has greatly protected us. I am remarried to Robert and he is saved, and we have a son. Together we follow the Lord and are faithfully attending a Baptist Church in San Francisco, California."

After having been gone from Venezuela for 45 years, we recently heard for the first time from a pastor-coworker, who would occasionally work with me in church planting in the Plains of Venezuela. It was such a blessing to hear how the ministries that we began in the early 1960's are still continuing strong. What a wonderful blessing to hear from these spiritual children! Again, seed "fell on good ground, and yielded fruit!"

On a weekly basis we are continuing to hold Bible study classes with needy individuals every Friday morning and night. There should be nothing too difficult for us to do in order to take time to reach out to someone with the true Gospel of salvation!

Two weeks ago I miss-stepped and injured the lateral and medial meniscus in my right knee. Instead of an operation the doctor will be injecting stem cells into the knee tomorrow morning. Please pray that it will result in quick healing of the knee. I presently have to use crutches to get around.

Thank you for your interest in and prayers for us as we continue to serve the Lord in our church, through the Becoming a Christian Organization and Baptist World Mission. Thank you for caring and sharing in a tangible way in this important ministry for the outreach of the Gospel. We deeply appreciate your prayer and financial support. You are a real blessing to us! It is our sincere desire to continue to be more than conquerors together as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ. We daily pray and thank God for you!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Myron & Dotty*

Pastor Myron and Dotty Philippi