

## Gracious Sovereignty

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Something I read a few weeks ago keeps “niggling” at the back of my mind --- you know, a thought --- a phrase that God keeps reminding you of?! An author, I read recently, referred to God’s story as a story of “sovereign grace” and as I’ve thought about that I keep thinking of how TRUE it is. Looking back, over our “story” I see the constant, *gracious sovereignty* of God! Times when either God was silent or seemed way to slow for how I thought things should go --- but after all was said and done --- God did it just right!

Here we are in March already --- coming to the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final semester for our students here at the (Ethnos360) training center. They’ve been here almost two years now and are eager to move on and step into the next and final stage before heading out to the many different countries that they’ll be serving in. Some of our group are going to countries like New Guinea, Brazil, Senegal, and Columbia and we’re excited for them as they move on! It has been a joy and a privilege to have a part in their mentoring! We see God’s “*gracious sovereignty*” in making us a part of this team and we’ve come to love each one of them! They will graduate on April 16<sup>th</sup>, so **pray with us please** that these last few weeks will be profitable and encouraging for them! There is always that “end-of-the-year” rush and stress that comes at times like this.

Our kids and their families are doing well and it’s a joy to be near many of them! Todd and his four sons live about 15 miles south of us and their construction business keeps them busy and often traveling for weeks at a time as they take on projects in different states. Three of their sons are married and between them, they have five of our thirteen beautiful great-grandkids! 😊 We LOVE spending time with them and rejoice in God’s care and goodness to our family! Talk about God’s “*gracious sovereignty*”!!!

Little did we know, after living 30 years outside the US and away from our family that we would be living close by our kids! But, here we are --- close to our son and living downstairs from Matt and Starr! Another beautiful example of God’s “*gracious sovereignty*”! Our little apartment is just perfect, and we are SO thankful! Matt and Starr’s continue to travel a lot, spending months at a time down in Mexico with the Tepehuan people in Baborigame (BG) and doing language and culture consultant work in the different tribal locations. Their plans are to leave mid-March and return in August, so we’ll miss their rattling around above us but we are SO thankful that they can continue to teach the believers and leaders in BG. Their youngest son Caleb, his wife Emily and their four littles are starting their second year in Mexico. Their second son, JJ and his wife Whitney and their two littles just finished their missionary training and hope to leave for Mexico this summer. Their daughter Briana and her husband Matt with their two little girls live in town, close to us, so we get to hang on to them 😊! That completes our 13 (beautiful) great-grands! We stand back --- amazed at “*God’s gracious sovereignty*” over our lives and that of our children and children’s children!!! Who knew we’d live so long!!!

Healthwise we are doing well! I had a bout with kidney stones (a first) but am thankfully on the other side of that 😊 Paul is also doing well (for an old man 😊). I WILL admit that I’ve turned into a frail, wobbly little old woman but --- I can still walk and get around, as long as I have Paul (or a cane) to hold onto. It’s wonderful to have less pain since my surgery almost three years ago! Oh yeah --- we’ve slowed down! The ole memory isn’t so good and we tire out easier --- but hey --- we’re still in there kicking and finding God’s grace sufficient for each day! 😊

We want you to know how MUCH we appreciate your faithful financial support and prayers! What a huge help and blessing you are to us! We are so very aware that YOU are a huge part of God’s “*gracious sovereignty*” as we recognize how He brought our lives together so many years ago! We appreciate YOU and the part you’ve had and ARE HAVING in our lives today! **THANK YOU!!!**

Because of His “*gracious sovereignty*”!!

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