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## TREASURE IN OUR SACKS!

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Dear Friends,

When we hear the word "Treasure" our minds conjure up chests full of gold coins or silver bars, or precious jewels of inestimable value. Or we may imagine a huge oil field worth many billions of dollars. Why do our thoughts first turn to the natural instead of to the spiritual? Because we have been trained that way. But the Word of God says that we are not to strive for this treasure. Instead, other things are to be desired more than these. **Prov 3:13-15** (NKJV) says:

*"Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding. For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her."*

So we are to desire wisdom and understanding most of all. The Word also says in **Col 2:3** *"In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."* Since he dwells in the spirit of every Believer, we may say that we already have access to the greatest treasure of all—Jesus Himself. He is our best treasure. He lives in the "sacks" of our bodies.

### GRACE'S NOTES



It has been great having my dear husband home with me, relaxing and seeking the Lord's direction even more. The Christmas season was very enjoyable with our family, even though our daughter Kim and her family were in Washington DC. Their son Keith was honored as a freshman on the Air Force Academy's football team. By a miracle he was able to get suited up for the bowl game.

The Lord spoke to me a while ago in a dream that He had "granted" me His "most treasured possession." I had rejoiced over that Word almost constantly. Just recently, I read in the story of Joseph and his brothers, how the brothers had gone to Egypt for food, and found their money returned in their sacks. This scripture became "rhema" to me: **Gen 43:23** *"Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks."* I became aware again that Jesus is the treasure in me. He is my treasure! Then I remembered **2 Cor 4:7**, *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves."*

How great a treasure we have inside us! The Creator of the universe lives in us! We have His DNA! Then also He says this over us: **Deut 26:18** (NASB) *"And the Lord has today declared you to be His people, a treasured possession, as He promised you, and that you should keep all His commandments."* Amazing! How can it be when I am so aware of where I fall short? His grace covers me. He is my treasure.

We have some treasured friends on our RAM board. We acknowledge Dr. A.L. and Joyce Gill of Gill Ministries, and Pastors Corey and Lorna Lovers from Acton Foursquare Church. They have stood with us in prayer and encouragement for many, many years. The manuals that A.L. and Joyce have written are the core of the Bible school curriculum which is used in Asia, Africa, and South America. Together, by God's grace, Bible schools are being birthed in many nations. We also treasure the friendship of Bob and Reen Keller who are our webmasters who videotape us for our website.

## ADVANCE INTO CHILE

For the past 2 years the Lord has been talking to me about going to Valparaiso, Chile and opening a Bible school there. About 6 months ago, as I was looking over a map of Chile, I (Jack) got the impression that there were two other cities I should go to for the same purpose. Those were Valdivia and Antofagasta. The latter is located in the vast Atacama Desert of northern Chile. The red dots on the adjacent map show where these cities are located.

On February 13, I am traveling with James Baker, who accompanied me to Darwin, Australia last year. James and I will fly from Los Angeles through Dallas to Santiago, the capital city (See the yellow dot). From there we will take a bus or car to Valparaiso, plant a Bible school, then return to Santiago for our flight to Valdivia. After planting another Bible school there, we will return to Santiago for our flight to Antofagasta. A few days later we will return to Santiago for our flight home.

We are excited about this trip, since we are believing for the Lord to provide a good interpreter at each of the 3 primary cities. We don't speak Spanish fluently, although we can get along on the street and in ordering meals, laundry, etc. in Spanish. A lack of an interpreter is no problem for God; He just shows Himself able to provide for us when we need one. Before scheduling this trip, I tried to get someone who is fluent in Spanish to travel with me, but economic conditions made it very difficult for people to respond. So we will simply trust God.

Grace and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayer and financial support over the past year. Many Bible schools were planted; 3 in the Philippines, 1 in Australia, 16 in Cambodia, and 3 in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Many lives were impacted by healings, by messages, by meeting other ministers, and by showing the love of Jesus to all. You stood with us in this, and we appreciate it.

Love,

*Jack & Grace*

