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Blessing Requires Obedience!

Dear Friends,

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I was reading in Deuteronomy 28:1-14 the other day. The heading in my Bible for those verses is, 'The Blessings of Obedience' and as I read through this passage I realized once again how important it is to obey God's Word if we want to experience His blessing on the things He has called us to do. In verse 1 it says we are to "hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee." I have come to believe that in North America we have wanted the blessing without the obedience and then get frustrated when the blessing does not seem to come. It might be because we are seeking the blessing and not the Blessor! I believe we should not even be seeking the blessing for then I believe our motives for obedience would be wrong. It is rather out of a love for God that we obey all He says and not a love for blessings. I must say that as I read this passage it is very interesting to see how thorough God's blessing will be in every aspect of life. I believe that if we as believers would just obey God's Word, God would pour out His blessing and our nation would not be the same.

The other day we had the Jost family come and stay with us. They have 11 children of which the two oldest are married. They were beginning another singing tour across Canada and had stayed with us a year ago and have become good friends. Their youngest, Judah, was 3 years old last year and played with our youngest, Luke. After they left our place on their first visit a year ago Luke had told us that he had not treated Judah very well when he wanted one of Luke's trucks. This bothered Luke and he would often say how bad he felt about the way he had treated Judah. When he learned they were coming back, Luke was so excited as he realized he would have an opportunity to tell Judah he was sorry. When they arrived it was only a matter of minutes before Luke asked Judah to forgive him for the way he had treated him a year ago. Luke told us later that it felt so good to make things right. As parents it was exciting as it was not us who told Luke to apologize to Judah, but rather the Holy Spirit in his life. We rejoiced that Luke was willing to obey God's voice. The question might be, "Do we hear God's voice and if so, are we obeying it?"

It seems like a lot has happened since my last letter and I want to share with you some of the things that God has been doing. It has been my desire to have the children reached in the 5-Day Clubs during the summer drawn into the local churches throughout the year. We are beginning to see this happen as local churches offering Club DJ invite the children to come.

The Club DJ's are beginning to wrap up and it has been exciting to hear stories of the things that God is doing. Over the past couple of years there have been two little girls who have been coming to 5-Day Clubs during the summer. This fall they were invited to Club DJ and have been coming faithfully. Both of them have accepted Jesus as their Saviour and have now been also coming to church on Sunday.

During the year I had an opportunity to visit with their father who during our conversation shared with me that he was from a family of 5 children and that their father died when he was just four. His mother put all the children into an orphanage and they grew up there but his experience with the church that ran the orphanage was not a good one. He told me, "I have not been back to church since!" He is now about 55 years old. A couple of weeks ago we had a **Club DJ** Sunday and phoned these two girls to see if they would need a ride again to church. The daughter answered the phone and said. "No, my mom and dad are coming!" **For the first time in almost 40 years this man came to church and heard a message on God's plan for the family out of Ephesians.** God's Word says, "Even a child shall lead them." I believe that God will bring this whole family to place their faith and trust in Him!

Club DJ CONNEXTION blends **Club DJ** with Bible Quizzing. Our desire was to not lose contact with the children reached through **Club DJ** but rather continue to disciple them in their walk with God. One girl reached through **Club DJ** accepted Jesus as her Saviour several years ago and is now in grade 7 and a part of **Club DJ CONNEXTION**. This year she memorized 300 verses from Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Truly amazing! As these young people continue on they are weaned off of **Club DJ** and continue their journey in Bible Quizzing through grade 12.


Our desire has been to encourage the young people who have been in Bible Quizzing to go out and reach more children as Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) and already this spring we have 17 CYIA workers and 15 of them are from Bible Quizzing!

Do you see what God is doing? The children reached in 5-Day Clubs are invited to **Club DJ**. Children in **Club DJ** are encouraged to continue on in **Club DJ CONNEXTION** and then on to Bible Quizzing. From Bible Quizzing they are challenged to go out as CYIA and give the gospel to boys and girls through the 5-Day Clubs, completing the ministry cycle! When I first put this on paper I was in absolute awe of what God had done. But then again, why would God not do something like this? Remember that young girl who was saved in **Club DJ** and memorized 300 verses saved in **Club DJ** and memorized 300 verses in **Club DJ CONNEXTION**? I believe that in just a couple of years she could be going out as a CYIA worker and reaching boys and girls for Jesus just like she was.



This summer we are seeking to have **400 5-Day Club locations** in **200 communities across Saskatchewan**. If you would be willing to host a 5-Day Club in your home and community would you please call us? There are children who need to hear the gospel on your street and in your community. I want to thank each one of you for your part in this ministry to children and young people. We value your faithful prayers as we continue to seek to reach the children with the gospel. My desire is that these children live for God and go out and reach more children for Him. Together we will give Him all the honour and all the glory for all He has and will do!

For the sake of the children,


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