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What happens when you're not sure? God happens! This has been a good month as most all months are good we just don't always realize how much God does for us everyday. Just as the birds don't think about where they will be tomorrow or what they'll eat for the next meal, we are taken care of just as they are only better.

Many of you know that I've been dealing with my neck injury these past few years, everyday I'm reminded of it simply by the pain it brings. It's easy to get down but I've tried to stay up and continue to do what God has granted me the abilities to do. Last year I started down the path towards surgery and it's been an up and down roller coaster ride dealing with doctors and trying to decide which type of surgery to have. I thought I had it all worked out and my doctor threw me a curve ball deciding not to do my surgery. We had settled on having artificial disc surgery but because I need a two level surgery and the FDA has only approved the surgery for one level my surgeon will not do it. So my dilemma is now what do I do? My only option at this point is to either have fusion surgery or artificial disc surgery. The artificial disc surgery is only available overseas at this point because of FDA rules here in the USA. Everything I've looked at points to the artificial disc as being a much better surgery option because it allows the disc to continue to move and is less likely to affect the adjacent joints like the fusion surgery does.

In August I was praying about what to do and seeking counsel about what to do. All of the counseling was the same (do it)! Anyway one day I was praying and trying to make a decision of what to do, later that day the movie "Facing the Giants" was on, there is one scene where two men are talking and the one tells the other a story about two farmers that had prayed for rain. One farmer prayed every day and the other prayed but also went out and prepared his field to receive the rain. Which one received the blessing? The younger man said of course the man who prepared. So I decided right then that I was going to do everything I could to start the ball rolling for going overseas for my surgery and count on God to provide the monies to go.

I want to thank my sponsoring Church and the Beacon Church in Redding for deciding to send out letters asking for help with my surgery. Even before the letters were sent the Anderson work gave 2,500 dollars toward the 30,000 needed. It's been amazing to see God send the rain when we pray and prepare. Both Churches knew that I was planning to go but I didn't ask anyone for the help, God has been watering every since that day.

I'm planning on going to Honduras in February and I'll be trying to set a date for surgery after that.

This past month I've been working in Keyes, Ca. It's a small Church that needs a lot of work but they have decided to make what they have more user friendly and more attractive wanting the building to be the best it can be for the Lord. We take care of our own houses wanting others to see how nice they are and sometimes we don't do this for the Lord's house. It's nice when we do the same for the Lord's house

I'll be doing some more work in Keyes this month and I'll also be doing some more side work to help us with travel expenses. Next month I'll be going to Indiana for a Macedonian project.

As always we ask for your prayers and thank you for your support
Your Mission Builders,
The Whartons