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“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.” Romans 5:3

When Larry got saved, he had the idea that all of his troubles were over. It didn't take him long to find out otherwise. We don't know what this New Year has in store for us but one thing is certain, if we put our trust in the Lord, He will see us through whatever comes our way.

During November, Larry ministered at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern two days. He made four visits to the Department of Community Correction in Texarkana and one visit to Texarkana Work Release. We went on the Swampriders Toy Run on November 17. They had a good turnout and collected a lot of toys for children in the Hope area. The following Tuesday, Ronnie White who was president of the Swampriders passed away. We went to visitation and the funeral on November 24. There were several clubs represented at the funeral. When we were at the visitation, a friend of ours introduced Larry to one of his club brothers who was originally from Illinois. He knew several of the guys that Larry rode with from the Chicago area. They say it is a small world and I think the older we get, the smaller it is. They talked for a long time and he invited us to a party at their clubhouse the following weekend. The following Saturday we went to a toy run in El Dorado, AR. It was a nice day and they had a good turnout. They serve lunch after the ride so we ate, visited with some friends and then Larry went on to the party at the clubhouse in Texarkana. On December 9th, we went on the Marine Corps Toys for Tots run in Texarkana, TX. They said this was the biggest turnout they ever had with eight hundred motorcycles.

Larry has been going to the Little Debbie store in Gentry, AR for several years early in December to pick up cakes for the Arkansas prisons. You may remember some of the stories about his trips. One year it was snowing so hard he wasn't sure he would make it home. He has had flat tires on the vehicle and last year had flats on the trailer he was pulling. Thanks to Warden Reed at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, he had a very uneventful trip this year. The warden made arrangements for Larry to go to Gentry with one of their sergeants in a truck and trailer that belonged to the prison. They didn't have any trouble hauling the load and he had help loading and unloading the 16,200 packages of donuts. Warden Reed even offered Larry a place to stay the night before the trip since they were leaving Malvern at 4AM.

In December, Larry spent three days ministering at the prison in Malvern. He was there the day they gave out their Christmas sacks. When you think of Christmas gifts or sacks, you might think of a nicely wrapped package with a bow but that isn't what these men get. At most of the prisons, the men take their laundry bags to the chapel or wherever they are handing out the goodies and go through an assembly line of sorts where volunteers drop in whatever has been donated. We went to the Maximum Security Unit at Tucker, AR and helped hand out Christmas sacks. Larry has a red and white Santa hat complete with a white beard and I have a red and white Santa hat. They let us wear them and the men loved it. We even had a letter from one man who said he had given up on ever seeing Santa again and thanked us for adding a little cheer to the day. Larry went with some of the group to take sacks to the men in the infirmary and administrative segregation. There was a family there that sang and played Christmas music while we handed out the sacks. We really enjoyed being able to spend the day there and talk to

the men as they got their Christmas goodies. They all are so appreciative of the things they receive. On the way home, we met Heavy and Alice at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden and gave Christmas sacks to the fifteen men there. We gave them socks, Ramen noodles, cheddar cheese crackers, hot cocoa, peppermint candy, Little Debbie donuts, three Christmas cards and a 2013 date book.

On December 20th, Larry, Darryl and I handed out Christmas sacks at Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR. They usually give the men a cup of hot cocoa and cookies with their sacks. When we found out they weren't doing that this year, we got permission to take our keyboard so I could play Christmas music while the men came through the line. The next evening Larry and Billy Wellman handed out sacks at the Hempstead County Jail. The following morning Larry handed out the sacks at Texarkana Work Release and Regional Maintenance. I ended up spending three days in bed with the flu and couldn't go to the jail or work release and regional maintenance.

We appreciate everyone who sent money to help with the Christmas sacks this year. We also want to thank our friends Heavy and Alice and their church for the socks and bars of soap they gave us. We had been trying to get the Ramen noodles for the same price as last year and it didn't look like that would happen until the day Larry went to pick them up. The manager who made the deal with us last year was at the store and agreed to let us have them at the same price. We had to cut back on what we bought and the number of prisons we supported this year but we thank God for what we were able to do. Along with the Ramen noodles, we bought cheddar cheese crackers and packets of hot cocoa. These went to the men at the Maximum Security Unit at Tucker, AR; Tucker Unit at Tucker, AR; Delta Unit in Dermott, AR; Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR; Dept. of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR; Work Release and Regional Maintenance in Texarkana, AR; ALETA in Camden, AR, and the Hempstead County Jail in Hope. We mailed out ninety-one Christmas cards to prisoners and got several Christmas cards in return. Some of the guys send us cards that they made themselves. They are some talented men behind the razor wire. One of them always incorporates a motorcycle on the cards he sends us so for Christmas he made a fold out card with Santa Claus on a motorcycle.

As I was writing this I thought about some of the letters that we received this last year and wanted to share some of them with you. One young man wrote and asked if we would write to him and his wife, both are in prison. He was contemplating suicide and a gang member led him to Christ. One young man told us he would never forget the work we put into his life and thanked us for not giving up on a knucklehead like him. Another young man wrote that what we said to him touched his soul and made him want what we have; peace, joy, and happiness. He went on to say he has started praying and reading the Bible. Some of the letters we get bring tears to our eyes but they also encourage us when we wonder if we are making a difference.

We are looking forward to another year of ministry at the prisons and motorcycle rallies. We believe God is going to open some new doors for us and also make a way for us to get back into some of the prisons we ministered at in the past. The first big rally of the year is Daytona Beach Bike week on March 8-17. We appreciate everyone who supported us last year. We thank God for your faithfulness and for believing in us. This is God's ministry, it is not about us and we can't take credit for the people this ministry has touched over the years. We want to see more people come to know the Lord this year but we will need your help. We need more individuals, businesses and churches to partner with us in 2013. Can we count on you to help us?

Blessings,

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