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'Commit your actions to the Lord and your plans will succeed'. Proverbs 16:3

Happy New Year! It seems that as we get older, the days and years go by much faster. We traveled 24,800 miles in 2014 going to the prisons and motorcycle rallies. Larry often tells people that we will be in the ministry as long as God provides. He hasn't let us down yet and we aren't expecting Him to. He meets those needs through people like you who believe in us, pray for us and support us financially. We want you to know how thankful we are and we pray that God will bless you for partnering with us. We are looking forward to how God will use this ministry in 2015.

Larry spent three days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit at Malvern, AR in November and made one visit to Texarkana Work Release. We went on the Swamp Riders Toy Run on November 22. The toy run ended in Camden and our friends Heavy and Alice gave us some socks, soap and Christmas cards for our Christmas behind bars outreach. The Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA) is in Camden. There are a group of prisoners there that we support at Christmas so we decided to go by there before we came home. Wouldn't you know that we had just enough Christmas cards to give each man two cards to send to their family? We also got approval to give two Christmas cards to each of the one hundred thirty-four men at Texarkana Work Release/Regional Maintenance.

We discovered that our big van that we call Samson is great for hauling our Christmas behind bars goodies. The outpouring of help with this outreach was amazing. Although things didn't work out like we initially thought they would, God provided and once again we supported eight prisons (Ouachita River Unit, Malvern, AR; Tucker Unit, Tucker, AR; Maximum Security Unit, Tucker, AR; Delta Unit, Dermott, AR; DCC Women's Unit, Pine Bluff, AR; DCC, Texarkana, AR; Work Release/Regional Maintenance, Texarkana, AR; ALETA, Camden, AR) and Hempstead County Jail in Hope. We bought Ramen noodles, peanut butter crackers, packages of hot cocoa, and Tootsie rolls. The socks and soap that were donated were given to the prisoners at ALETA and the jail. We also bought oranges for these two groups. We received a bunch of Christmas cards from prisoners, several of them hand made and we mailed 94 cards to prisoners.

On December 6, we rode to El Dorado, AR for a toy run. This is normally a large toy run but it was cool and cloudy and not many people showed up. We enjoyed the fellowship after the run at a little restaurant that served some good BBQ. The Christmas sack give-away at the Ouachita River Unit was December 12. Larry spent the day there helping out and then I met him there so we could go to the inmate counsel banquet that evening. The inmate counsel is similar to the Jaycees. They sell food and take photos during visitation and recently used some of their earnings to pave an area on the yard for men that are confined to wheelchairs. We sat at a table with Snuffy, a man we met when we started doing prison ministry in 1999. Many of the men at the banquet had invited their families to come and we were Snuffy's family for the evening. He got a little emotional when he told us how much it meant to him for us to be there. He said there isn't much to look forward to other than a good meal or a good football game on the television. The men definitely enjoyed the pizza, salad, pie, and ice cream that night. Many of them had their plates piled high with pizza and ate several desserts. It was a blessing to be part of something like this that brought so much joy to the men.

The next morning we went to the Maximum Security Unit in Tucker, AR to help with their Christmas sack give-away. The chapel resembled an assembly line when we got there and I started helping one of the volunteers fold socks together in pairs. When the men came in with their laundry sacks, they made a circle through the chapel while the volunteers dropped the goodies in their sacks. Larry and I stood close to the doorway and greeted the men as they came in. Several of them asked Larry why he didn't have his Santa hat on that he wore the last time we were there for Christmas. They remember little things like that brighten their day. I could hear many of them expressing their thanks for what they received. There was a group that played and sang Christmas music and the chapel praise team played too. We visited a couple barracks where they train the PAWS in Prison dogs before we left. I asked one young man if the dog he was training could catch and he said no. He gave me a couple treats and before we left, the dog had caught a treat. Larry told the men watching that he wished it was that easy to teach some of them to stay out of prison. I'm not sure what is more heartbreaking for us, the men that are in and out of prison time after time, or those who are serving life and may never have the chance to get out.

On our way home that evening, we stopped in Benton, AR at a Christmas party that Incarcerated Disciples was having. Biker Bob was explaining how to play dirty Santa and said if you didn't like your gift, you could steal one from someone else. Larry and Dewey Magar both corrected him and suggested that 'appropriate' was a better word to use than steal! The next morning we rode to Texarkana, TX for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots run. The weather was nice and they had a big turn-out. On Saturday, December 20th Larry and I took the men at Texarkana Work Release and Regional Maintenance their Christmas sacks. Later that day, we took Christmas sacks to the men at ALETA in Camden. The prisoners housed at ALETA do maintenance work and cook for the men and women going through the police training academy. They invited us to eat supper with them. They made pizza that would put a pizzeria to shame! We enjoyed the pizza and the fellowship in the dining room. Monday, December 22nd, Larry, Darryl Fox, Randy and Cindy Dotson and I helped with the Christmas sack give-away at Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR. I took our keyboard and Cindy, Randy and I sang Christmas songs while the men got their sacks. The unit also gave them a cup of hot cocoa and a cookie. Larry, Darryl Fox and I took Christmas sacks to the Hempstead County Jail in Hope on Christmas Eve. Larry had been to the jail in November to talk to a young man whose mother contacted us. He was still there and will be going to prison. Another young man that Darryl and Larry knew was there and will be going back to prison. I took the sacks to the four women prisoners and spent a long time talking to three of them. One of them told me she had asked her family to forgive her but they weren't visiting or writing to her. One of them shared that her daughter died five years ago and she felt like she was stuck and couldn't get over her death. They agreed that God is able to mend family relationships and heal broken hearts. I prayed with them and encouraged them to keep reading their Bibles and encouraging each other. We were at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR on December 28 so Larry could preach at the morning service. There wasn't a large crowd there but many of the men told Larry after the service that the testimony and Scripture he shared touched their heart that morning.

Praise God gasoline prices are below \$2.00/gallon! We are working on our schedule and plan to go to bike week in Daytona Beach in March. Your financial support and prayers are appreciated. We would love to have more individuals, businesses and/or churches that will help us share the Gospel this year. If you know someone that would be willing to do that, please share this newsletter with them or ask them to call us.

Blessings & Peace,

Larry & Kathy