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Happy New Year! No one but the Lord knows what this year has in store for any of us. I think you will agree with us that time is getting short and we need to let the light of Jesus shine through us. There are hurting people around us that need to hear the Gospel.

I want to share a testimony about a man we write to that is in a Texas prison. He started writing us six months ago. He told us he was a new believer and his letters were full of questions. His mother had recently died and he was struggling with losing her. His sixteen year old daughter had been attacked. He told us the Muslims were trying to convert him and in one letter he said he didn't believe God loved him. I kept writing to him, encouraging him and telling him that God loved him. He didn't have a Bible so we sent him a Bible last month. Right after Christmas, we got a letter from him thanking us for the Bible and letting us know that he was moved into a faith based barracks. Don't we serve an awesome God!

On Saturday November 7, we went to the Veterans for Veterans Rally in Shreveport, LA. Our friend Theresa coordinates the event and asked Larry if he would say the opening prayer. It was a cool, rainy day so they didn't have a huge turn-out but everyone made the best of it. We gave cross pennies and patriotic cross pins to several police officers that were there. The following Thursday Larry went to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new chapel at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern. Saturday, November 21 we went to the Swamp Rider's Toy Run. They collected a lot of toys that were distributed in the Hope area. And the toy run wouldn't be complete without the chili and fellowship at the clubhouse afterwards!

We want to thank everyone that helped make our Christmas Behind Bars outreach a success. We couldn't have done it without your help and we give all the glory to God! The new manager at the Save-A-Lot Store in Texarkana, TX sold us the Ramen noodles at his cost which was a blessing. We supported seven prisons (Ouachita River Unit, Malvern, AR; Tucker Unit, Tucker, AR; Maximum Security Unit, Tucker, AR; Delta Unit, Dermott, AR; DCC, Texarkana, AR; Work Release/Regional Maintenance, Texarkana, AR and ALETA, Camden, AR) and Hempstead County Jail. We bought peanut butter crackers, Ramen noodles, hot cocoa and Starlite mints. We also gave the men at ALETA and Work Release/Regional Maintenance Christmas cards to send to their families. We mailed ninety-four Christmas cards to prisoners.

Our van, Samson, came in handy for the Christmas Behind Bars outreach. We've been doing this for so long that Larry has the picking up and delivering process down to a science. We try to make the best use of time and money and get as much done in one trip as possible. We found out in October that the Ouachita River Unit wasn't going to send a vehicle to pick up the Little Debbie cakes in Gentry, AR this year. The store in Gentry donates enough for all prisons in Arkansas but someone has to pick them up. We decided that we would figure out a way to pick them up this year. Larry mentioned this to our brother in Christ Gary Wise and he wanted to help. Gary's parents paid for the U-Haul rental and we paid for the gasoline. Larry and Gary made the trip to Gentry on December 7. Larry left our house at 2:30AM and met Gary in Benton so they could be at the store when they opened at 8AM. It was a long day for them but it was worth it. It can get stressful trying to coordinate everything and our house looks like a commissary for several weeks but we know the prisoners appreciate our efforts. If this outreach helps just one of them come to the Lord, it is well worth it.

On Saturday, December 5 we rode to El Dorado, AR for the Salvation Army Toy Run. It was 32 degrees when we left our house. I discovered a few miles down the road that my heated riding gear was not working. We pulled over about 30 miles from home, checked all the connections, didn't find anything wrong and decided to keep going. About a block down the road, they started working praise God. They didn't have a big turn-out but they collected a lot of toys. We stopped to see our friend Chuck on our way home. Larry met Chuck when he first started in the prison ministry. Chuck was released last September after spending twenty-five years in prison. This would be the first Christmas in thirty years that his family has been together.

On Friday, December 11 we went to the Inmate Counsel Banquet at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern. The Inmate Counsel sells food and takes photos during visitation. The money they make is used for different projects during the year that benefit all the prisoners. We were Snuffy's guests again this year. We've know Snuffy since we started doing prison ministry and he told us how much he appreciated us being there with him. They served fish, shrimp, and French fries and had pie, cake and ice cream for dessert. We talked to several of the men that were there with their families. I think everyone enjoyed the evening although most of us ate too much! The following morning we got a phone call that our friend Rusty Brown (or Burgerman as most people knew him) had a heart attack and passed away. We had planned to take Christmas sacks to the men at Texarkana Work Release and Regional Maintenance that morning. Burgerman lived in Texarkana so we told his wife Janita that we would stop by and check on her. As you can imagine, she was very emotional. Larry told her to remember all the good times they had and forget the bad. She said she couldn't remember any bad times. His memorial service was the following Tuesday and Janita asked Larry to speak at the graveside service in Mt. Pleasant, TX. Burgerman was a big man with a big heart and this was evident by the stories shared at the graveside service. And the main thing is we know he is in heaven today and we will see him again. On Saturday, December 19, we met Gary Wise at the prison in Malvern to help distribute Christmas sacks. We had the opportunity to visit and pray with some of the men in the hospital ward when we delivered their sacks. We delivered sacks to the intake barracks and to the barracks where they house the older men that have health problems. We got there at 7AM and left around 2PM. Gary spent almost twelve years in prison there and the men and officers were glad to see him. He is not ashamed to share what God is doing in his life. When we left there, Larry and I went to the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden, AR to give those men their Christmas sacks. Our friends Heavy and Alice met us there. They collect soap and socks for us each year and those were given to these men, to our local jail and Texarkana Work Release. The men were very appreciative and we spent some time visiting with them. Christmas Eve at noon, Darryl Fox, Larry and I helped hand out Christmas sacks at Dept. of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR. We took our keyboard and I played Christmas songs while the men went through the line. That evening, Larry and I took the Christmas sacks to Hempstead County Jail. Larry took sacks to the men while I went in the women's pod. Lisa, who appeared to be in her twenties, went to her cell and started crying while I was sharing Larry's testimony. She told the other prisoner she wanted to be alone. Lisa had told us she has three year old daughter so you can imagine how hard this was for her.

We have had a little time to rest up and will meet with our board later this month to make plans for 2016. We plan to go to Bike Week in Daytona Beach, FL in March. This will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary so it could be big. We want to express our thanks to you for your financial support and prayers. If you know someone that would like to support us, please share this newsletter with them. We would love to have more ministry partners in 2016.

Blessings,

Larry & Kathy