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“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land”. 2 Chronicles 7:14

We attended church on July 4 at 1st Baptist Church in Ellis Grove, IL. We were married at this church thirty-five years ago. The scripture above was on the front of their bulletin. We need to be in prayer for our nation. We could make a difference if we joined together and stood up for the values our country was founded on.

Our first rodeo/revival of the year was at the Delta Unit in Dermott, AR the weekend of May 15. All of us had been praying for good weather and God heard our prayers. The rain came after we were finished on the yard Saturday afternoon. Our main focus isn't taking our motorcycles on the yard but being on the yard gives us a chance to talk to a lot of men who won't come to chapel service. We encouraged a twenty-four year old man to be a good example for his eleven-year-old son at home. One team member talked to a resident who said he was homosexual. He knows his lifestyle is contrary to the Bible and wanted to know if he could contact this team member when he gets home. We ministered in the barracks and had three chapel services.

The following weekend we went to Teen Challenge in Hot Springs, AR. Dewey, a young man we met when he was in prison came there with his fiancée Susan and they shared their testimonies. Dewey owns his own lawn care business and is an ordained minister. Susan was blind but is now able to see colors and images. She had a stroke and doctors told her she would spend the rest of her life in a nursing home. Evidently they don't know Susan's God because she is walking and has her own apartment. One of the highlights of the day was when some of the men in the Teen Challenge program took over the praise and worship. We talked and prayed with one of them before we left and encouraged him to keep using his talent to give glory to God.

The Biker's IV Jesus team was at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR the weekend of June 5th. We ministered in the barracks and had three chapel services. A young man was saved at the Sunday morning service. The Friday night service was a “Night of Hope”. We had five team members with us who had been in prison and they shared what God is doing in their lives now. It is encouraging for the men to see how God can use someone just like them if they will surrender to Him. Our ministry gave every resident who came out on the yard Saturday a bag of popcorn and a cup of fruit punch. We gave away 1,000 bags of popcorn and 55 gallons of punch. While we were on the yard our team members shared testimonies, words of encouragement and special music.

We left for Laconia, NH the evening of June 10 and were gone for ten days. We put on a total of 3,850 miles. We want to thank our church, Anderson Baptist in Spring Hill for the love offering that funded this trip. We also want to thank New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene in Loudon, NH for opening their doors to us. We set up our camper and our brother Terry pitched his tent on the church grounds but when the temperature started dipping into the 40's at night, we slept inside the church. We had access to their kitchen and several of their members invited us to their

homes. Although they didn't know us, they gave us a key to their church and made us feel welcome. We attended Sunday School and morning worship service there on June 13.

Terry got to Laconia two days before we did and helped the Weirs Beach Biker Church set up the tent where they served a free pancake breakfast. Their tent was at the end of the row of vendors in downtown Weirs Beach. That is where the majority of the vendors set up. This year there were several young people from the Baptist Collegiate Ministry there to help. Since they didn't need our help with the pancake breakfast, we did street ministry. There were a lot of ministries we had not seen before at the rally. We made it a point to go to each ministry tent and introduce ourselves. We found a good spot to park our bikes in downtown Weirs Beach. We set up a chair behind the bikes with Bibles, tracts, cross pennies and earrings on it. We had a sign on the chair that said "Free Stuff". When we weren't walking around the vendor area, we sat near the bikes and talked to people as they came by. One afternoon, we met Barry, a biker about our age who lived in the Laconia area. He didn't profess to be a Christian. We must have talked to him for a couple hours. The next day, we saw him again and he introduced us to his son. He asked if we had gotten anyone saved yet and we said no. He laughed and said something to the effect that we probably gave up on him but we told him we had not.

The same day we met Barry, a reporter from The Concord Monitor newspaper in Concord, NH interviewed Larry. The reporter was sent to the rally to do an article on knick names. Our new friend Barry told him he needed to talk to Larry. Larry mentioned God right off the bat and the reporter asked him where God was. Larry told him God was right there with us, living inside us; which seemed to surprise him. They published the article on June 17 and we were glad to see that they printed exactly what Larry had told the reporter.

Larry and Terry were introduced to one of the Hells Angels. They were told Pirate is dying of cancer. Larry found out that he likes drinking a soda that is popular in that area called Moxie. We bought a twelve pack and Larry made sure that Pirate got a cold can of Moxie every morning. One of the residents at the Delta Unit has started making small plastic crosses for us in bike club colors. Larry gave one of them to Pirate but he gave it to another Hells Angel who is now wearing it on his vest.

We prayed with a couple whose 18-year-old nephew was in jail. We talked to some young ladies working one of the vendor booths for a long time one afternoon. I noticed the one Larry was talking to put her sunglasses on and got real quiet. I wondered if she was trying to hide her tears? Terry and I talked to a young lady who admitted she had a drug problem. She has a nine-year-old daughter. She knows God is the answer but wasn't ready to ask for His help. I talked to a young man one afternoon that professed to be a Christian. He told me his boss gives to the church to ease his guilty conscience and asked what I thought about that. I told him that Christianity is about a relationship with the Lord and is not based on our works. One thing we are certain of is that seeds were planted at the rally and we pray they fell on good ground.

The Bikers IV Jesus team will be at East Arkansas Unit in Briceys, AR the last weekend of July for a rodeo/revival. We plan to leave for bike week in Sturgis, SD around August 6. Larry will be contacting the chaplain at DCC in Texarkana, AR to see what ministry opportunities are available for us there. Larry talked to a friend recently who told him he thought what he was doing in the prisons and at the bike rallies was great and not to go back to his old ways. We have no intention of going back. We'll keep going to these places where others won't go, planting seeds and sharing God's love until the Lord tells us otherwise. Will you help us by praying for us or sending a love offering?

Blessings,

Larry & Kathy