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'Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom)'. 2 Corinthians 3:17

Today is July 4, Independence Day. John 8:36 tells us that if the Son sets us free, we will be free indeed. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom on the cross. Countless other men and women have given their lives so that we can live in a free country. Wake up America! It is time to get back to the Godly principles this country was founded upon.

We've been busy since our last newsletter was sent out. Larry ministered at the prison in Malvern five days in May. After one of the Bible studies at DCC in Texarkana, he talked to one of the men who broke down and sobbed. They talked about how happy and proud his family would be if he would surrender his life to the Lord. A biker at one of the rallies we were at recently told me his life would be a lot better if he was like Larry and I. I told him it could be; that it was his choice. He smiled, shook his head and walked away. Life is about choices and sometimes what appears to be fun can take us down a road we don't want to be on.

We were asked to be in charge of a bike show at the Confederate's Rally in Fouke, AR on June 1. It was warm and the forecast was for thunderstorms so they didn't have a great turn-out. We had Bibles, tracts, cross pennies and cross earrings for anyone who wanted them. We had a chance to talk to several people during the rally. The rain came later in the day and we were thankful to ride home mostly in the dry before the lightning and heavy rains started. The following Saturday we rode to Bossier Harley-Davidson in Bossier City, LA for a cook-out. They have these cook-outs on a regular basis so we are planning to go when we can and set up a table with Bibles, tracts, cross pennies and earrings. When we got back to Hope, we went to Tattoo John's Stone Deaf rally. We met Tattoo John and his grandmother several years ago at one of his first rallies. Grandma, as she insisted everyone call her, went home to be with the Lord but we have stayed in contact with John. There weren't many people at the rally but all of them were either deaf or hearing impaired. They invited us to stay for supper and we had a great time. Some of them can read lips and we wrote messages back and forth on paper. We all went to church together Sunday morning. It was a blessing to fellowship with them. The following weekend we went to the Swamp Rider's Annual in Prescott, AR. This was the thirty fifth year for their annual party. It was a chance to connect with friends we had not seen since last year. Three members of the Swamp Rider family have died within the last seven months. It seemed strange that they weren't there. We talked to a lot of people that weekend; some facing serious illnesses, some with family problems, others still grieving the loss of loved ones. We have been going to this rally for seventeen years. We don't know what kind of impact we have made but we are blessed by those who share their struggles with us and ask us to pray for them.

On June 17, Larry left for Moore, OK to help our friends Tim and Peggy Grisham (Tim Grisham Ministries). Tim and Peggy took a semi load of supplies to Moore a few days after the tornado hit. They set up their huge tent and have fed thousands of people since the storm. As Tim said those who were devastated by the tornado need to know God is their hope and help in time of need; not the destroyer but the Savior. Larry spent four days there and said it is an experience he won't soon forget. He took pictures of the seven crosses and memorial at the school where seven children lost their lives. A storm went through the night before Larry got there so there was a lot

to clean up at the tent when he got there. He was on trash detail and was responsible for keeping six coolers full of cold drinks. Larry and Grandpa Tom who was one of the cooks became good friends in those four days. Grandpa Tom will be in Sturgis, SD for the bike rally next month so we're looking forward to seeing him there. Larry left Moore on June 20 to go to the bike rally in Sparks, OK. His plans were to stay until Sunday but early in the week he got a message that a friend was in ICU in Texarkana. Larry first met Joe when Joe was in prison. They thought Joe had a brain aneurysm and the situation didn't look good so Larry left for home Saturday morning so he could visit Joe. Praise the Lord, it wasn't an aneurysm and Joe is home now. On Larry's way home that Saturday, he noticed a Harley sitting along side the road and a young lady sitting on the bank. He slowed down and asked if she needed help and she said yes. Jessie was traveling on her motorcycle from Chattanooga, TN to visit her sister in Oklahoma. Larry said she had some mechanical knowledge and ability but she couldn't get her bike started. Before he left, they got the bike started. He asked Jessie if she knew where she would go if she died that day. She had the right answer; she is going to heaven because she has a relationship with Jesus Christ. She doesn't have a job and said she used to have a drinking problem. Larry gave her cross pennies and earrings for her and her sister. She wanted to pay him and he refused telling her she needed to take care of herself. It was definitely a divine appointment and we hope Jessie will call us on her way back to Chattanooga.

Along with the rallies and trip to Moore in June, Larry ministered at the prison in Malvern two days, spent two days at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR, one day at the Maximum Security Unit in Tucker, one visit to Texarkana Work Release and one to DCC in Texarkana. He had not been to Tucker or the Maximum Security Unit in a long time. One of the men said Larry probably didn't realize how much it meant to them that he was there spending time with them in the hallways and in their barracks. He shared some Scripture with one older residents and he said he couldn't wait to do more research on the Scriptures. Larry will be the acting chaplain July 15-18 at the prison in Malvern while the other chaplains are in training. He was sharing with me after his last trip to Malvern that he visited with one of the terminally ill residents. The chaplains never ask why they are in prison and they don't ask details of their health. This man was told by the doctor that he doesn't have much time. He has a relationship with the Lord but he told Larry he doesn't want to die. Tough conversation to have but He agreed that God is the healer and God has his days numbered, not a doctor.

We will be helping Charlie's Angels ministry with a rodeo/revival at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR on September 7-8. Our next big rally will be bike week in Sturgis, SD on August 5-11. It would be great if the cooler temperatures we are having would stick around along with the lower gas prices! Our first trip to Sturgis was in 1983 and we stayed at the Buffalo Chip which at that time was nothing but a big field with a stage, a few outhouses and gravity flow showers. As we were leaving Perryville, MO that morning our group was stopped by the police. Everyone had to stand with their hands on their helmets while they searched the bikes and us. Lots of memories from years past and so thankful that God was watching over us even though He was probably the last thing on our minds back then. We are living proof of the power of prayer. I know my parents prayed for us faithfully and who knows how many others. I also believe that God can take things in our past and show us how to use them for His glory. We use experiences from the years Larry was in prison and rode with an outlaw motorcycle club to reach bikers and those in prison. If you would like to send a donation to help with the expenses for our trip to Sturgis we would be grateful. Or, maybe you could send something each month to help pay for the gas it takes to go to the prisons and rallies. Thanks to everyone who supports us; whether it is with your finances or your prayers; you are a blessing to us.

Blessings,

Larry and Kathy