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'Oh Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!' Jeremiah 32:17

This summer is flying by quickly! I waited to write the July newsletter until we returned from a trip to Santa Fe, NM so it is a little late. There is so much violence, hate and strife all over the world. As I am writing this, I heard that three police officers were killed in Baton Rouge, LA. When is the violence going to stop? We need to be in prayer for our country, our churches, our leaders and the world in general. Pray that people will turn to God and stop listening to the lies of the devil and those who mislead and create chaos. We as a nation have turned our back on God. It is time to repent and stand up for Biblical truth. Prayer is important but as believers we need to take a stand and let our voices be heard. If we don't, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Larry spent four days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR in May and also spent one day at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR. He and Darryl Fox continue to have the bi-weekly Bible studies at Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR. Larry and I also attended a mandatory training class at DCC one evening. On May 28, Larry, Darryl and I took our old bikes to the Vintage Bike Show at Bossier City Harley-Davidson in Bossier City, LA. We didn't win any trophies but we talked to a lot of people and gave away a lot of cross pennies, earrings and patriotic cross pins.

On Saturday, June 4 Larry and I went to the Ouachita River Unit to help Johnny Clayton and Freedom Within Ministries with their outreach to the prisoners. Since it was raining, they held the services in the gym and served the food in the chow hall. Each man got two all beef hot dogs, pork and beans, a cup of ice cream and lemonade. We helped box up and deliver the meals for the men in the hospital, intake and others that couldn't come to the chow hall. The men were very thankful for the food and the time we spent with them. We prayed with several men during the day. One young man in the intake barracks refused the food at first. Larry finally convinced him to take it by telling him how good it was and that if he didn't, they might send mental health to do an evaluation on him! We wanted the men to know that taking the food didn't obligate them to anything. Johnny told them to thank God for the people that donate so they can take this food to the prisons. We were all tired at the end of the day but it was a good day. The following Saturday, we had a fish fry fund raiser at our church (Red Lick 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist in Red Lick, TX). We had been planning this since early in the year. Wayne Withem, one of our board members, offered to supply 80-100 pounds of catfish that he caught and he brought the cookers to fry the fish in. Several people from our church helped us get everything set up in the fellowship hall and helped cook and serve the food. We offered take-out, dine in and delivery to businesses. We weren't sure what to expect and were a little disappointed at the turn out but praise God we took in enough to cover expenses and made about \$250. We want to thank our board members, church family and friends; we couldn't have done this without you!

Larry spent three days in June ministering at the Ouachita River Unit and one day at the Tucker Unit. The Bible studies at DCC in Texarkana, AR continue to go well. Darryl had twenty-three men at the Bible study on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We ran into some problems with which room they were supposed to be using and then some men weren't aware the studies were going on but all of that

has been resolved. These men are there for non-violent charges and most are released after serving ninety days. We want them to get plugged into the Word while they are there and continue that relationship with the Lord when they go home. Their families need them to be the men that God called them to be.

We left the morning of July 2 for the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Motor Maids Convention in Santa Fe, NM. Larry's mom Norma Medford was a lifetime member of Motor Maids and we were hoping to meet some ladies that knew her. It has been a couple years since I made a long trip on my bike so I was a little nervous! We decided to take two lane highways rather than the interstate which was nice. We stopped at a Chicken Express restaurant in Seymour, TX for lunch. We gave the employees cross pennies and earrings. Two men came in after we got our food and sat at a table not far from us. Larry went out to the bike to get more patriotic cross pins and gave them each a pin when he came back inside. They asked if he was a Christian, he said he was and they told him they were too. They talked about praying for our country and Larry shared some of his testimony with them. They introduced themselves as father and son. The son gave Larry a James Avery Fishers of Men bracelet that he was wearing. He said wearing it reminded him that he was supposed to tell others about Jesus but that Larry made such an impression on him, he wanted Larry to have it. We had no idea who James Avery was but he told us this was a \$200 bracelet. What a blessing! We ran into some rain after leaving Seymour and it felt pretty good. We could see more rain ahead of us and decided to keep on riding. Little did we know that we were riding into a storm with very high wind and heavy rain. We were in the middle of nowhere with no shelter in sight so we pulled to the shoulder. As I was trying to put the kickstand down on my bike, a gust of wind hit and knocked the bike over. I jumped off so I wouldn't get caught under the bike. Larry had pulled off ahead of me and ran back to make sure I wasn't hurt. We got the bike up and then it started to hail. We crouched down next to the bike and prayed. Quite an experience but other than looking like a couple drowned rats, we were fine. We spent the night in Clovis, NM and rode on to Santa Fe Sunday morning.

The convention was quite an experience with three hundred eighty Motor Maids in attendance. We gave away a lot of cross pennies, earrings and patriotic pins. Larry also blessed one of the ladies with a Hellfighter Bible. I gave a cross penny and earrings to a Motor Maid from Alabama at one of our meetings. She collects copper jewelry and said she hadn't been able to find anything she liked so the earrings were just perfect. We talked to several ladies who were in the club when Larry's mom was but none of them knew her. We met a lot of people in the five days we were there. We stopped in Seymour, TX on the way home to get gas and take a break. It was late afternoon and the heat was about to get the best of us. I sat down outside the gas station to drink some water and noticed a man and his mother who were waiting on someone to fix a flat on their car. I said something about how hot it was and the man said something to the effect that at least we weren't in the Sahara Desert where temperatures are in the 100's and there isn't any shade. That kind of put everything in perspective for me. I think God put them there for a reason! We gave them cross pennies, earrings and cross pins and shared some fruit with them. The temperature seemed to drop not long after we left Seymour which was a blessing. We got home that evening about 11:45PM; round trip was 1,756 miles.

Larry and Darryl Fox will be riding out to Sturgis in early August. The rally runs from August 8-14. We plan to attend a couple bike rallies in September and are still working on setting up a couple rodeo/revivals. We talked to a friend at the fish fry that we hadn't seen in several years. He said our newsletters keep him up to date on our schedule so he knows how to pray for us. Whether you support us with a financial gift or prayers, you are a blessing to us.

Blessings,

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