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'A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed'.  
Proverbs 11:25

It is summer in southwest Arkansas! Today is July 15 and we are under a heat advisory until 7PM with 'feel like' temperatures in the low 100s. I am thankful that we don't have to travel anywhere today, especially on the motorcycles.

I'll begin with Larry and Darryl's trip to Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC. They left on May 23 in Darryl's SUV with their two old Harley Davidson Shovelheads in his enclosed trailer. The plan was to find a Wal-Mart near DC, park the vehicle and trailer and then sleep in the trailer as they have done several times before. This wasn't as easy as they thought it would be but they found a Wal-Mart in Alexandria, VA that was in a good area and unloaded the bikes. They have both done a lot of traveling but they said DC had the worst traffic they have ever driven or rode in. The GPS was giving them fits too telling them they had missed a turn and needed to make a U-turn. Easy for GPS to say, but not so easy when you are in several lanes of bumper to bumper traffic pulling a huge trailer!

They had the chance to witness to several of the workers at the Wal-Mart in Alexandria. Washington DC is like a melting pot of people from countries all over the world which made it hard as far as asking for directions, etc. They had trouble finding somewhere to buy a map of the city but finally found one. They got to DC on May 24. On May 25, they found a spot to park the bikes and spent the day on the streets handing out cross pennies, earrings and patriotic cross pins. They walked 30 blocks that day and gave away 1,000 of the cross pins. They met Bruce Hopkins, a Vietnam veteran who is also an artist. He sells his drawings online and was set up at Rolling Thunder. It would be hard to say how many people they talked to in the time they were there. Saturday morning, May 26 the manager of the Wal-Mart told them they had to leave. They explained what they were doing and that they weren't in anyone's way but he insisted that they leave so they did. They left there and spent some time ministering at the Fort Washington Harley Davidson dealer. They couldn't find anywhere else to park the SUV and trailer so they began their journey back home. The following day there were storms and flooding in that area so maybe it was a blessing that they couldn't find anywhere to stay.

The Bikers IV Jesus rodeo/revival at the Delta Unit in Dermott, AR was June 8-10. There were seven of us on the team, small in number but mighty in Spirit! We went in Friday afternoon and visited in the barracks before the evening chapel service. There were ninety-six men at the service. All of us shared Scripture or whatever God laid on our hearts and then David Lawson gave his testimony. David spent time at the Delta Unit and it was during that time that he met us. We were back at the prison on Saturday morning at 7AM to take the bikes on the yard. Ken Burrow was with us and he rode his Ruckus down the hall of the prison to wake the men up before yard call. He told us later that pride tried to keep him from riding down the hallway. We're thankful Ken was obedient to the Lord. We spent the morning on the yard doing bike games and visiting with the men. We talked to a man who had been in for thirty years who said all his friends are dying. He was only twenty years old when he went in. Another man we talked to said that he killed his wife and hoped they would execute him. I had shared how God

provided for us while Larry was in prison at the service Friday night. Larry had also mentioned that we would be celebrating our forty-third wedding anniversary on June 27. A young man on the yard told me his wife is sticking by him too but he didn't understand why. He said our story encouraged him. He is reading his Bible now and trying to live for the Lord. Another young man who got saved in prison told us he feels like God wants him to minister to juveniles when he is released. He said if someone had been there for him when he was a teenager, he might not have ended up in prison. We talked about how families are falling apart and the effect this has on the children. Saturday afternoon we visited in the barracks again before the chapel service. There were seventy-seven men at the service. Danny Knick brought the message. He gave the men a lot of Scripture references and encouraged them to write them down and study them. We had eleven men at the Sunday morning service. Morrie Kool led us in praise and worship and then he, Ken, David and Larry shared a word with the men. Ken talked about pride; David about the prodigal son and Larry talked about Isaiah 54:7-17. Morrie told the men they needed to remember that their children love them. I could tell by the looks on some of the faces that this hit home. We always enjoy these weekends and hope that we encouraged these men to give their lives to the Lord, if they haven't already and to get out and be the father, husband, son, or brother that God called them to be.

The following weekend we rode to the Swampriders 40<sup>th</sup> Annual in Prescott, AR. We have been going to the Annual since 1996. As usual, it was hot but we enjoyed spending the day there and visiting with some friends we hadn't seen since last year. The following Saturday, we attended a benefit for Colt Johnson in Emmet, AR. Colt was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident early in June. By the grace of God, Colt was able to attend the benefit and meet the man that called 911 after coming up on the accident that happened late at night on a dark county road. On Wednesday, June 20, Larry had the honor to speak at the gravesite of his good friend, Carl Clayton. We met Carl not long after moving here in 1995. He ran a transmission shop in Hope and worked on one of our cars. He and Larry have been friends since then. Carl was allergic to wasps and was hospitalized after getting stung. Larry visited him at the hospital and we were praying for him. He had overcome other serious health problems over the years and we fully expected him to overcome this but he didn't. Carl was not a man that went to church every Sunday. In fact, his daughter-in-law told us Carl told everyone that Larry was his preacher. We know Carl is in heaven and that we will see him again.

We want to remind everyone about the sock campaign for our Christmas Behind Bars outreach. We have already collected forty pair of socks and eighteen bars of soap. The socks must be white men's socks. They can have grey on the heel and toe but they are not allowed to have colored socks. We realize it is only July, but we hope to collect over one thousand pair of socks before the first of December and with your help, we can meet our goal.

We spent this past week at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Motor Maids Convention in Montgomery, AL. I'll go into more detail about that in our next newsletter. Bike week in Sturgis, SD will be here soon. Larry, Darryl and I plan to leave around August 3 and will be at the rally until August 11. We are going to try something different this year. Instead of riding, we plan to haul three old Harleys in our enclosed trailer. We will park the bikes on Main Street in Sturgis each day with the cross pennies, earrings, patriotic cross pins, Bibles and tracts; much like we do at Bikes, Blues and BBQ. We have ridden our bikes to Sturgis since 1983 so this is going to be a big change for us! We know the old bikes will draw a lot of people to them and that's when we will have the chance to minister to them. We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to minister in the prisons and the bike rallies.

Blessings,

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