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'I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf; and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.' 1 Timothy 2:1-2

We are several weeks past Independence Day but when I read these verses this morning, I was reminded of how thankful we should be to live in America. It also reminded me of the importance of praying for our leaders, especially in these days we are living in. To borrow a quote from Dr. Charles Stanley 'the voices that shape the direction of a nation are not necessarily those that loudly ring out in legislative halls, but those that approach the throne room of the heavenly Father with bold faith.'

Larry continues to minister at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR every Tuesday. God continues to put men in Larry's path at Tucker. He spends several hours standing in the hallway outside the chow hall. This gives him the opportunity to see a lot of men and talk to them while they are in line waiting to eat lunch. He has also made a couple visits to Texarkana Work Release in Texarkana, AR. The men at work release count on him to bring their Daily Bread devotionals as well as In Touch devotions. Our brother Darryl Fox continues to hold weekly Bible studies at Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR.

A local car club has 'cruise night' every 4th Saturday in downtown Hope. We rode our bikes to cruise night in May which was Memorial Day weekend. We parked our bikes with the cars that were on display and then walked around to visit with the car owners. Larry gave out several patriotic cross pins that evening. We also rode to Texarkana Harley a couple times for their Saturday hamburger cook-out. Larry went to a crawfish boil they had. A local bloodmobile was there and Larry gave blood. They told him that not many of the bikers were giving blood. Larry mentioned this to a man he was talking to. The man's response was 'I'm choosy about who I give blood to'. When he came home and told me this, all I could think of was that I was glad Jesus wasn't choosy about who His blood saves!

Last month we went to the Swamp Rider's Annual party. We always enjoy going and catching up with friends that we sometimes only see at the annual. As soon as I got off my bike, one of our friends came up to me, hugged me and asked me how I was doing. Then she told me about seeing a young man with a tee-shirt on that just had the letters 'GGT'. She asked him what that meant and he said it means God's Got This. I told her that was exactly right in my case! Several of us were sitting together when a man who had obviously had quite a bit to drink started talking to us. Mainly just small talk, asking our names, etc. He mentioned God a couple times but afterwards I kept thinking maybe we should have tried to talk more to him about the Lord. Only God knows if he would have remembered anything we said but I hope we didn't miss an opportunity.

We celebrated our forty-fourth wedding anniversary on June 27th. We give God all the glory for this because we couldn't have done it without Him! I was reminded of our twenty-fifth anniversary when we went to Memphis, TN to renew our vows with Happy Jack and Carolyn Burbridge who were celebrating their fortieth anniversary that year. We were having our

ceremony on Saturday and Friday night the church burned down. We had the ceremony outside on the church grounds. We were disappointed about not being able to use the church but God used this opportunity to share the Gospel. Several people from local media outlets showed up during the ceremony and both Happy Jack and Larry shared their testimonies with them. Larry will also be celebrating his twenty-first Spiritual birthday on August 3rd. Larry was saved while he was at the Sturgis Bike Rally. We are planning to leave for Sturgis the evening of August 1st so we should be celebrating his birthday in Sturgis this year.

I mentioned in the May newsletter that my oncologist had recommended that I take a chemo pill for six cycles to prevent recurrence. I prayed, did research, joined a Facebook group of women who are taking (or had taken) this same pill. I made the decision to try the pill and told the Lord if it was His will that I take the pill, then I believed He would see me through it without any horrible side effects. I got through the first fourteen days with very few side effects other than an upset stomach at the end of the cycle. I started the second cycle a week later and about seven days in I started having terrible stomach cramps. I stopped taking the pills July 13 and had a follow-up with the nurse practitioner on July 15. She offered to lower the dose which is something they said they would do if I didn't tolerate the dosage. She gave me some pills to take to coat my stomach and intestines because in her words 'Xeloda did a number on your stomach'. I was miserable the rest of the week and couldn't go to work or do much of anything to be honest. I told Larry that I felt worse that week than while I was doing the infusions. After going through that, I decided I wasn't going to take any more pills. I am putting my trust in God that I am healed, and I am not going to have a recurrence in Jesus Name! We appreciate all of you for your prayers and words of encouragement. We ask that you agree with us in prayer that I am healed. God gets all the glory and I will be glad to share what He has done for me with anyone who will listen!

By the time you get this newsletter, we should be in Sturgis. We are thanking God in advance for safe travels and many opportunities to minister. We will be staying with our friends Robert and Sharon at the Jesus House this year.

Again, thanks for your prayers and your financial support. And remember our 'sock drive' for Christmas Behind Bars outreach. We are also collecting bars of soap for this outreach.

Blessings and Peace,

Larry & Kathy