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“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24

We are thankful that spring has arrived. All the rain we have had the last few months has made the grass and fields green and the trees and flowers are blooming. Springs reminds me of the new life that we have in Christ Jesus. He gave his life on the cross for us so we could have eternal life and so many other benefits that come with being a child of God. He didn't come to condemn the world but to save it. Salvation is a free gift, it is up to us to receive or reject it.

Next month Larry will have been a volunteer in the Arkansas prison system for twenty years. And it was sixteen years ago last month that he quit working at the Arkansas Highway Department to go into full time ministry. God has not failed to provide our needs and we believe He still has work for us to do in the prisons and at motorcycle rallies. Larry moved his badge from the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR to the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR last month. This was something we discussed and prayed about for several months. He has ministered at the Tucker Unit five days since moving his badge. He has seen a lot of men at Tucker that he met when he first started doing prison ministry. In fact, one of the men that works in the chapel is a man that Larry ministered to for many years before he finally surrendered his life to the Lord. Michael used to call Jesus ‘the punk on the pole’ but now Jesus is his Lord and Savior.

Larry also visited the men at Texarkana Work Release in Texarkana, AR. We also need to mention our brother in Christ Darryl Fox who is still ministering at the Southwest Arkansas Community Correction Center in Texarkana, AR. Darryl has been holding Bible studies at this unit for several years and continues to go every Thursday night. The men that attend appreciate Darryl's faithfulness to come share the Word with them and answer their questions.

We had the opportunity to attend church with our brother in Christ Doug Crouch in January. Doug got out of prison in the fall of 2017. He is working full-time and doing well. His church has been praying for Kathy since her diagnosis and Doug kept asking us to come to church with him and meet his church family. It is a small country church, but they treated us like part of their family. They welcomed Doug with open arms when he started attending which is something a lot of churches don't do. There were two other men there that Sunday that had been in prison. We need more churches out there who will welcome men and women who have been in prison.

We have also had many opportunities to minister during my appointments at UAMS in Little Rock. Our brother in Christ Richard Headrick who is the founder of Hellfighters Ministry in Laurel, MS recently wrote a book entitled ‘Cancer Be Gone in Jesus Name’. Richard was taking treatments at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. He was impressed by the red mark through the word ‘cancer’ on the hospital logo. On one trip to Houston, as he got off the plane, a man he didn't know handed him a piece of paper with 100 Scriptures on it. When Larry heard Richard had cancer, he told him to pray ‘cancer be gone in Jesus name!’. This is what Larry prayed right before his last surgery for kidney stones. After the surgery, the doctor told me he couldn't find any stones and Larry's kidneys looked better than they ever had. Richard knew all this was not a coincidence, so he put together this book. The book is full of healing Scriptures from both Old and New Testament along with a healing prayer and Scriptures to encourage those

battling any illness. We have given away several of these books to patients and infusion nurses at UAMS. We also gave one of the infusion nurses several Bibles for her to give the children in her Sunday School class.

I had my last chemotherapy treatment on February 12. It was an awesome, emotional day. It is the tradition in the infusion center for patients to ring the bell on the day of their last treatment. The bell has the words faith, hope and love on it and you ring the bell three times. The infusion staff gathered around to watch me ring the bell. Before I rang the bell, Nurse Cyndi read a list of things that cancer can't do and gave me the list that was signed by several of the nurses and staff. There were a lot of hugs and tears after the ceremony. After that, we went to the atrium where there is a large Seed of Hope sculpture. Patients are given two seeds of hope coins on the day of their last treatment. They throw one coin in the urn and the other is theirs to keep or give away. The lady who is over the volunteer program gave me the coins and took pictures as I threw one in the urn. We found out while talking to her that she has a nephew in prison. She started to cry as we told her about our prison ministry.

On February 14 I had a CT scan which came back clear praise God. I also had an MRI of both breasts on March 1. I asked when I would get the results and they said possibly later that day but since it was Friday, I didn't expect to hear anything until Monday. They called late Friday and I didn't see I had a voicemail until after they were closed. I had another voicemail Saturday around noon, so I called them back. The doctor said she wanted to share the good news with me. She said the treatments worked really well and the lump is down from 2.9 centimeters to 1.1 centimeter. The lymph node that was enlarged is now normal size. All I could say was praise God!!!

We met with the surgeon, Dr. Ochoa on February 27. She explained that since the lump was small, I could choose to have a lumpectomy, but the decision was mine. If I chose the lumpectomy, I would need to have five-six weeks of radiation, five days a week following surgery. Until last August, I had never had a serious illness and the thought of having blood drawn made me nervous! The only surgery I have ever had was outpatient laparoscopic over ten years ago. After talking more with Dr. Ochoa, praying and doing some research on my own I have decided to have both breasts removed. I have peace about the upcoming surgery, and I know that peace is from God who has been with me through all of this. I will have surgery on April 5 at UAMS Hospital in Little Rock. I will be staying in the hospital overnight and should be released on April 6. They will be checking lymph nodes to make sure they are clean during the surgery. Normal recovery time is four-six weeks, but I honestly don't believe it will take this long for me to recover. We continue to trust God for the surgery to go well and for all reports after surgery to come back clean.

The outpouring of prayers, cards and phone calls the last few months has been overwhelming. We appreciate it so very much. As James 5:16 says 'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much' and we can attest to that! We are looking forward to getting this surgery behind us and getting back to our normal routine. And we know that God can use what we have been through to help others which He has already shown us over and over. There are so many people battling not only cancer but other serious illnesses. As I mentioned earlier, we have been doing ministry full time for sixteen years now. God has been faithful to provide our needs through people like you. Whether it was a financial need, prayers or a word of encouragement God continues to provide. We are thankful to all of you for your love and support. And remember, we collect socks and soap for our Christmas Behind Bars outreach throughout the year. If you or your church want to help, please let us know.

Blessings and Peace,

Larry & Kathy