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“Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised”. Proverbs 31:30

I thought this was a great verse for the newsletter since we will be celebrating Mother’s Day this month. Thank the Lord for praying mothers who don’t give up on their children. If my mom and Larry’s mom were still alive they would see the result of all their prayers on our behalf. A young woman came up to me during the altar call at the women’s prison last weekend. She said I reminded her of her mom. She went on to say her mom passed away last year and that she really missed her. As I told her, no one can take her mother’s place but my prayer was that God would comfort her and put sisters in Christ in her path to encourage her.

On March 24th, we rode the bikes to a benefit and bike show at Walker Chapel CME Church in Texarkana, AR. We gave away several cross pennies, earrings and Hellfighter Bibles. Larry won 1st place in the bike show. The benefit raised money to help the needy and elderly in this little community. The following Thursday was Larry’s night to teach the Institute of Self Worth at the Dept. of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR. None of the men came to class but Larry’s trip wasn’t in vain. There was a young man in the chapel and he started talking to Larry. He was going home within a few weeks and said he believed in God but he liked to get high. They talked a long time and Larry told him about a church in Ft. Smith that he might want to check out. One of our prison team members, David Lawson, attends this church and he wrote to the young man and invited him to church. We haven’t heard from him since that night but we hope that he will find a church home and realize that a relationship with Jesus Christ is better than any high he can find out on the streets.

During April, Larry spent three days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR. This is the newest prison in the state and will soon be the largest. They recently moved all the residents from the prison hospital in Pine Bluff to Malvern. New prisoner intake is also at Malvern now; so this means more opportunities to witness. Larry spent one evening at Texarkana Work Release and had six men at the Bible study at Dept. of Community Correction on April 12th. He also spent April 16-18 at the American Correctional Chaplain’s Association conference in San Antonio, TX.

We left our house on the bikes the morning of April 20th to ride to Houston, TX for a revival at the Jester III Unit in Richmond, TX. Larry had the bikes all cleaned up but before we got out of Hope, it started to rain. We rode in the rain the first hundred miles or so and then it quit, thank you Lord! We arrived at the hotel early that afternoon and met up with the rest of the team from Worldwide Voice in the Wilderness. Johnny and Betty Moffitt are founders of this ministry and minister at several Texas prisons. We had wanted to go to one of their revivals and everything fell into place for this weekend. There are around three hundred men at this medical unit and many of them are confined to wheelchairs. We had a service Friday evening in the gym. They had a good turn-out and the men were excited about being out on the yard with us on Saturday. Two of the team members lead praise and worship and it was awesome. Saturday morning we were back at the prison ready to spend the day out on the yard. There were four of us on bikes and we got on the yard around noon. The chaplain asked Larry if he wanted to take his bike inside the prison for a “wake up” call for the men. One of the officers stopped them in the

hallway but the chaplain explained he had prior authorization for the bike to be inside. I'm not sure what thoughts were going through Larry's mind but I can imagine something like 'my first time in a Texas prison and I'm going to get thrown out'! Larry and I shared our testimonies with the men and had a chance to talk to several men that afternoon. We already have a letter from one of them thanking Larry for taking the time to talk to him and pray with him. He is a biker and told us he really misses riding in the wind. Robert and Rosa were part of the team that weekend. Robert has Cerebral Palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. You should have heard the men cheering when he told them the path to heaven is narrow and his wheelchair won't fit through the pearly gates so when he gets there, he will give it back to the devil! Several men came forward at the altar call and we know that at least one man was saved that afternoon. We were blessed to be a part of the team that weekend and look forward to next time. We spent the night with my cousin Julie and her husband Bruce. We hadn't seen each other in twenty years. It was nice to have a meal together, visit, and relax before the trip back home on Sunday.

We ministered at the women's prison in Pine Bluff, AR on April 27 & 28 along with several other ministries. There were at least seven different ministries that came together for this outreach. We had a service in the gym Friday evening. The women's choir sang, several team members sang and David Ogletree brought the message. We prayed with several of the women during the altar call. One of them was Stephanie, a young lady I met at the jail when we handed out Christmas sacks. She couldn't wait to tell me how good she was doing and that she now had a great relationship with her mother and others in her family. She will be going home in August. Saturday morning we were back at the prison and took the bikes on the yard. Chaplain Martin took several of us to the barracks where they house parole violators. These women would not be allowed to come out on the yard or to church services. Several people shared testimonies and Scriptures with them to encourage them. We spent the rest of the afternoon on the yard doing bike games, sharing testimonies and singing. We had another service in the gym Saturday evening. Several team members got up and shared about forgiveness and how we must forgive in order for God to forgive us. It was a powerful service. Two of the women shared that they had been abused and beaten but had found forgiveness. One of the men ended up at the same prison with the two men who killed his father. He forgave them and witnessed to them. It was brought out that sometimes the hardest person to forgive is ourselves. Danny Knick brought the message which focused on how to see ourselves the way Christ sees us as believers. Second Corinthians 5:17 says that when we are in Christ we are a new creation, old things have passed away and all things have become new. Many of these women have children and families who need them at home. It is our hope that they will remain in Christ and go home and be mighty witnesses of what God can do in our lives when we submit to Him.

We have several rallies coming up in May and June along with Larry's weekly ministry at the prison in Malvern. He is scheduled to have another service at the Arkansas State Police facility (Light On The Hill) on May 24. He and Darryl will continue the Institute of Self Worth study at Dept. of Community Correction in Texarkana and another door has opened there too. This unit will be housing seventy-five men who are parole violators. They will be separated from the rest of the residents and the chaplain has asked Larry to coordinate services, Bible studies, barracks ministry, etc. for these men. We are still working on setting up rodeo/revivals in the Arkansas prisons. We're praising God that gasoline prices have dropped recently. We are thankful for your prayers and financial support. We know that everyone isn't able to give but when you do, remember that the money we receive helps us to go places that most people wouldn't want to go so that we can share the Gospel with 'the least of these'. If the Lord uses us to lead one person to Christ or to help someone see that God loves them and wants a relationship with them; it is worth it.

In Christ's Love,

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