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“I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers”. Isaiah 65:24

It is hard to believe we are half-way through May. I'm not sure where the time goes but we never seem to be able to get everything done that we would like to. We had the opportunity to hear Rabbi Jonathan Cahn on April 14. He is the author of 'The Harbinger' and also narrates the movie 'Isaiah 9:10 Judgment'. He believes that America is being chastened by God for turning away from Him. The movie shows parallels between current events in America and the fall of ancient Israel. He believes God is using harbingers to warn us before He sends judgment. One of the harbingers was the bombings on Sept. 11, 2001 and there have been others since then. We have seen the movie and encourage you to watch it and pray for our country and our leaders.

Larry and Darryl Fox continue to have Bible studies with the parole violators at the Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR twice a week. Last month, neither of them could make it one Monday night. Larry went on Thursday evening and one of the men told him he had been worried when neither of them showed up. He is fairly new to the class and said the other men told him to pray for Larry and Darryl. He was glad to find out that they were okay. We have given away several Bibles to these men. Many of them are truly seeking the Lord and need our prayers that they will continue on this path when they go back home.

Larry attended the American Correctional Chaplains Association conference at DeGray Lake in Arkadelphia, AR on April 15-17. Six states were represented at this conference; Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and New Mexico. I had never been to one of the conferences but since it was so close to home I went to the banquet the evening of the 15th. The main speaker was Mr. Ray Hobbs who is the director of the Arkansas Department of Correction. He spoke highly of the chaplaincy department and encouraged the chaplains to continue to let their light shine in the prisons. On the days that Larry ministers at Malvern, he spends a lot of time in the intake barracks. The prison hospital is there too. The hospital visits can be sad when you talk to someone who is terminally ill and know how much they would like to spend the time they have left with their family. A few months ago Larry and some of the other chaplains visited the isolation barracks and were given a 'thumbs up' by security on how well their visit went.

On April 27, we ministered at the women's prison in Pine Bluff along with a couple other ministries. We spent most of the day out on the yard. The women enjoyed watching the bike games. The last time we were there, we could not interact much with the women while we were outside but this time was different. Each barracks sat together in a group and we spent a lot of time talking to them. Some of them seemed so starved for attention and needed someone to talk to. One of them was crying so I asked her what was wrong. She told me that her father-in-law had been a biker and seeing the bikes reminded her of him. He was an alcoholic and committed suicide and she told me she was still grieving for him. Some of the women we talked to were pregnant and would give birth to their children while they were in prison. One of these women told me her mother was in prison in Oklahoma. Another already has three children at home and told me how thankful she was that her mother was taking care of them for her. Two young women we talked to told us their husbands were in prison too. I talked to another woman who remembered talking to me when she was in the county jail in 2011. When I saw her at the jail,

she was very bitter and mad at the world. She had a problem with prescription drugs but she didn't want to admit it. After surviving a serious car accident she realized she needed to make a change in her life. She knows that God has a plan for her and she is ready to follow Him. The evening service was in the gym. The Gospel Outlaws opened up the service and the women were singing, dancing and praising the Lord. Larry brought the message and encouraged the women to get saved and move forward with their lives. As he told them, 2 Peter 1:3 says that God has given us everything we need for life and everything means everything, not some things or a few things. He encouraged them to thank God for what He has done and will do in their lives. Several women came forward for prayer during the altar call. One of them told me through her tears that she is going home soon and wants to get her children back but she is afraid she isn't strong enough to stay away from drugs. Another young woman said this was her fifth time in prison and she is tired and ready to get her life straightened out. Their stories just break your heart. We pray with them and encourage them while we are there but the rest is up to them. We know that the only way for them to stay clean and stay out of prison is to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and we hope that they realize that too.

We went to the Kiamichi Independent Biker's rally in Idabel, OK on Mother's Day weekend. On Saturday morning, Larry, Darryl and I went on the poker run. I was the 'road captain' which meant I was in the lead and was supposed to follow the route and get us to all the check points. I missed a turn and we ended up on a road that was full of potholes. Larry was riding his '1981 Wide Glide, hit a big pothole and bent the front rim. We were praying he would make it back to camp and after a couple stops to put air in the tire, we made it. We played some of the bike games. Larry and a biker from a secular club were neck and neck in the slow race. They talked after the race and later on that evening, he offered Larry a drink of whiskey. Larry declined the drink but they talked for a long time. He described things that had happened in his life and he knew that God had His hand of protection on him. We meet a lot of people at the rallies that don't open up right away. We have to earn their trust and let them see that we aren't going to beat them up with the Bible.

We stay in contact with several prisoners each month by mail. Letter writing may be a lost art to some, but not to these men. Some write to ask us to pray for them or a family member. We know that many of them pray for us every day which is very humbling. One young man wrote recently to see if I could find his dad's obituary on the internet. He knew when he died but could not remember his birth date and needed it to file a life insurance claim. We write to a man in a Texas prison who has been witnessing to a Muslim inmate. The funny thing about this is that he used to practice the Muslim faith. We still write to one of the first men Larry ministered to at the Hempstead County jail back in 1999. These men have become like family to us. We encourage them and they seem to know when we need to be encouraged too. We send birthday cards to over one hundred men during the year. I can't imagine not sending a family member a birthday card but some of them tell us we are the only ones who acknowledge their birthday.

Larry has been staying busy at the prisons and punching thousands of cross pennies. The pastor of a small church in Arkadelphia, AR needed more pennies so we delivered them one Sunday morning and stayed for the morning service. When we were in Daytona Beach, we met Gloria who is in her eighties and rides her motorcycle all over the country. She is a member of a women's riding group called Motor Maids. Larry's mom had been a member and Gloria suggested that I join so I did. We believe there will be opportunities to minister and want to attend some of their events this summer. There are three rallies coming up in June that we are planning to attend. We thank God for continuing to meet the needs of this ministry through faithful people like you and your tax deductible donations.

In HIS Service,
Larry & Kathy