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We want to begin this newsletter by thanking everyone for their prayers for Larry during his ordeal with kidney stones. The surgery to remove the large stone was moved up to April 7. As we were checking in at the hospital, the power went out. They assured us they had back-up generators and the surgery would go on as planned. Surgery was scheduled for noon but it was almost 3:00PM before they took Larry to surgery. The surgery was successful and the urologist told me there were a few small stones left that he could do lithotripsy on in a few weeks. Bro. Robert from Red Lick 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Red Lick, TX was at the hospital when we arrived and stayed with me until Larry was out of surgery and in his room. When the doctor said he had a few stones left Bro. Robert and I decided we would believe these stones would break up on their own. Larry had to spend one night in the hospital. He didn't have a lot of pain in the weeks to follow but he had a lot of blood in his urine which the urologist said was because of the stint he had to put in. We attended a Passover Seder meal and service at FBC in Red Lick on Good Friday. During the service when the rabbi talked about the woman with the issue of blood getting healed after she touched the hem of Jesus garment, Larry claimed that healing for himself. From that evening on, he didn't have any blood in his urine praise God! He went to the urologist for a follow-up on April 22. He was there for over two hours. They did x-rays as soon as he got there and we believe part of the reason it took so long was they were trying to figure out what happened to the stones. The urologist told him all that was left were small fragments that he could pass without any problem. Larry likes to tell people that Jesus rolled his stones away! We are trusting in the Lord that this is the end of any problems with kidney stones for Larry. He wasn't able to do a lot of ministry the last couple months because of the stones but he is back on track now. He has made three visits to the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR and one to the Work Release center in Texarkana, AR.

Two of our board members, Darryl and Wayne and I rode to the women's prison in Pine Bluff, AR on March 29<sup>th</sup> for a revival. Larry wasn't able to go and I can't tell you how strange it felt that day that he wasn't there. We enjoyed our time out on the yard with the women. Several people sang or shared testimonies and we did some bike games. The Gospel Outlaws played during the service that evening. Danny Knick brought the message which he started with this statement 'Let me introduce you to you'. So many of these women tell us they are saved or grew up in the church. The problem we often see is that they don't know who they are in Christ Jesus and don't know how to live for Christ. They may have good intentions but they get back out in the world and if they don't have a solid foundation in the Lord, they go back to their old ways. As one young man told us in a letter, some people think that one time experience of walking the aisle and getting saved is all there is to it. They think I'm saved and now I can live however I want to. A large group of women came forward during the altar call. I prayed with one woman who was in tears and said she had no hope; others were going home soon and were afraid of what the future held for them. Another wanted to share how God healed her of drug addiction before she came to prison. We prayed that she would have many opportunities to share that testimony with the other women.

Larry was feeling so much better the day after the Passover/Seder service that he rode to the Harley dealer in Paris, TX for a chili cook-off in memory of Tim Chapman. Tim's parents own the dealership and he was the manager. He was killed in a car accident in February. Tim always treated us right and went the extra mile for us so Larry felt like he needed to be there.

We spent April 26 and 27 at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR with Charlie Wall and his ministry team. We spent Saturday morning and part of the afternoon ministering in the barracks. One young man we talked to said he was in there because of drugs. His girlfriend had died recently and he said he had been reading the Bible and knew he needed to make some changes in his life. We prayed with him and after the prayer, he thanked Larry for what he called a sincere prayer. He said sometimes he hears people pray and it sounds like they are reading something out of a book but he could tell that Larry's prayer came from his heart. This is one of the units that has the Paws in Prison program where they rescue and train dogs. We talked to a young man who was going home soon and was taking the dog he trained with him. They have a boot camp program here too. First time offenders who aren't convicted of a violent crime and whose sentence is 10 years or less have the option of going through this 105 day camp. The warden told us how heartbreaking it is for him to see young men and women who drop out of this program after a couple weeks. It is a very strict, military type program but probably just what some of them need. We went out on the yard around 4PM for bike games and music. Instead of having an evening chapel service, they let the men out on the yard in two different groups to fellowship with us. We were outside until it started getting dark. One of the officers out on the yard remarked while Bro. Morrie Kool was playing Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone that he hated to shut everything down because he was enjoying Morrie's music. We went back to the unit on Sunday morning for a chapel service. Several of the team members sang and everyone had the opportunity to share something with the men. Larry shared about his healing from kidney stones but also told the men that it was time to quit 'playing church'. We see so many men get out, go home, get in trouble again, go back to prison and many of them claim to be Christians. We can't judge anyone but the Bible says we will know a man by his fruits. I think you would agree that someone who professes to be a follower of Jesus Christ isn't going to be doing things that will send him to prison.

The following weekend, we rode 632 miles to the city park in Macksville, KS for the 5th Annual Bikes and Blues. Our friends Don and Rhea Overbey from Overbey Ministries invited Larry to speak several months ago. We left Hope at 5AM and got to Macksville around 3PM; long ride but the weather was great. We listened to BigG Mac Combo and Danny Daniels before Larry spoke. Danny is an internationally known song writer and worship leader. Larry shared his testimony and how God 'rolled away' his kidney stones. After the service, he prayed with a man who was having some health problems. Another man talked to him for a long time and asked for advice on how to deal with anger. Later that evening, Danny got his guitar out and we sang praise and worship songs. It was so peaceful and we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. The service on Sunday morning was at 9AM. Rhea led the group in several praise songs and then Larry brought the message. The ride home was an adventure to say the least. We were pulling our Bunkhouse camper behind Larry's bike. After we got to Wichita and turned south on I-35, we were riding directly into 20-30 MPH winds out of the southwest. Larry said he felt like we had a giant parachute behind us. When we got to Oklahoma City we took I-40 East to Ft. Smith. It was still windy but not near as bad as if we had stayed on I-35.

We enjoyed the weekend and appreciate Don and Rhea asking us to be a part of Bikes and Blues.

We have some rallies coming up in June and will be going back to the women's prison in Pine Bluff on June 27-28. I can't believe it is almost June which means Sturgis will be here before we know it. We are thankful for all of you who support us financially each month and for those who keep us lifted up in prayer.

Blessings,

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