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“When a country is rebellious, it has many rulers, but a ruler with discernment and knowledge maintains order”. Proverbs 28:2

We are half-way through May as I write this. I’m not sure where the time has gone lately. Memorial Day is next Monday; a time to remember family and friends who are no longer with us. It’s also a time to honor those who fought for the freedoms that we have in this country. There are those in authority today who want to take our freedom away from us. As believers, we need to stand together and let our voices be heard. We also need to pray for our leaders and our country.

After we returned from Daytona, Larry spent one day at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR and held the Bible study for the parole violators at DCC in Texarkana, AR. His usual day to minister at the Ouachita River Unit is Wednesday. It is the newest and largest prison in Arkansas. This past month two men that he ministered to for several years passed away at the prison hospital. He was able to help one of them make a phone call to his family the week before he died. Men coming into the prison system from the county jail are sent to Malvern for evaluation. Larry spends a lot of his time on Wednesdays talking to the new intakes as they call them. He and some of the prisoners who help in the chapel take Bibles and other reading material to these men. Larry would tell you the sad part of this is that he often sees men that have gone home and are now back in prison. He has always told the men they better take Jesus with them when they go home or they will be back looking for Him. Many of them talk about moving to a different town and finding new friends but if they don’t allow Jesus to transform their lives, that isn’t going to work. We know it can be tough when they go home, especially if they don’t have family support. We’ve been in contact with a young man that spent several years in prison. He told us that it can be tough at first, but if you want to stay out, you can do it. He has transportation, a job and a roof over his head. There are others like him and it is always encouraging for us to hear their stories.

Another young man that we’ve ministered to for over ten years both in and out of prison should be released again soon. In his last letter, he apologized for not writing and told us that words are cheap. He said this time he is concentrating on taking Jesus out of prison when he leaves instead of coming back to find Him again. He closed by saying just once in his life, he is going to try to speak with actions instead of words. Larry meets and talks to a lot of men when he is at the prisons and we have several that write to us on a regular basis. We even had one that wrote while we were in Daytona to make sure we were okay since he hadn’t seen Larry at the prison that week. I spent several hours one Saturday a few weeks ago answering letters and thought I would share a little about some of the men we write to. We write to a man in a Texas prison that had a kidney removed because of cancer. He is trusting in God to restore his health even though his other kidney isn’t functioning as it should. One man wrote to ask us to pray for his mom because she is on dialysis. He prays for us faithfully. Another wrote that the Lord has restored his marriage and his wife gave her life to the Lord. Back in December, one man in a Florida prison told us he traded his food tray for the Christmas card that he sent to us. Some write to ask us to pray for them or their families or problems they are having with other prisoners. One young man in particular spends a lot of time studying the Bible and recently got his doctorate

degree. His letters are always enlightening. We get letters from men asking if we know somewhere they can parole to. We recently heard from a young man who should be going home this year. He is afraid his family won't be supportive of his efforts to get a job and pay back his debt to society. Some of these men tell us they don't get letters from anyone other than us. A friend asked me a long time ago why we didn't just write a 'form letter' to these men and I told them that would be too impersonal and we wouldn't do that. It takes time to write to these men but it is a big part of our ministry.

During April, Larry spent five days at the Ouachita River Unit and one day at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR. He went to Texarkana Work Release one evening and did the Bible study with the parole violators at DCC four evenings. Larry and Darryl Fox rotate leading the Bible studies each Tuesday and Thursday evening. They have been having an average attendance of six or eight men at each study. These men have their struggles too. One of them told Larry he was having trouble forgiving himself. Another had planned to parole to his mom but she told him she doesn't want him around. He wanted us to pray she would change her mind after she saw the change the Lord had made in his life.

Arkansas Department of Correction recently sent around three hundred men to the Bowie County Jail in Texarkana, TX. Most of these men have served their time in ADC and don't have anywhere to parole to. Larry had the opportunity to minister to them in April. Being moved to Bowie County Jail was not something they expected to happen and as you can imagine, they were not in the best of spirits. He encouraged them to read and study their Bibles and have church services in their cell blocks.

Two weekends ago, Larry put his old Harley in Samson (our van) and went to Arcadia, LA for the Confederate's Spring Rally. The old bikes seem to draw a lot of people and often give us the opportunity to share a testimony. Larry said there were a few other ministries at the rally. Just think how many bikers could be reached if we all worked together!

We will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 27<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't seem like we should be that old! God has certainly had His hand on our marriage. Recently a friend asked if there were any more men out there like Larry and jokingly said she only wanted a 'part-time husband'. Larry was quick to tell her that was exactly what he was for many years and she didn't want a part-time husband. Fifteen years ago, we went to Memphis, TN and renewed our vows along with our friends Happy Jack and Carolyn Burbridge. It was their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a day we will never forget. The church where we were having the ceremony caught fire the night before so we renewed our vows outside in the church yard. There were reporters there to cover the story about the fire. Happy Jack and Larry shared their testimonies with the reporters so their testimonies were on television and in the newspaper. Happy Jack was inspirational in Larry's decision to go into the prison ministry. He was a true friend, brother in Christ and Larry's spiritual adviser. We got word this afternoon that Jack's battle with cancer is over and he went home to be with the Lord. We were sad to hear the news but know this was an answer to Happy Jack's prayer not long ago for God to heal him or take him home. We would ask that you keep Carolyn and their family in your prayers.

There will be rallies coming up in the next few months along with Larry's regular prison schedule. We sincerely appreciate everyone who supports us, whether it is financially or with your prayers or words of encouragement. Thank you for believing in us and the ministry God placed on our hearts.

In Christ's Love,

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