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“Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a disgrace to any people.” Proverbs 14:34

Where does the time go? We are half-way through May as I write this. The older we get, the more we appreciate how simple life was when we were younger. Now more than ever we need to pray for our nation and our leaders. We need to join together as brothers and sisters in Christ and stand for Biblical truth. God is our only hope to get America back where she needs to be.

During March, Larry spent two days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR. He made four visits to the Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR and one visit to Texarkana Work Release. He and our brother, Darryl Fox, have been having some real good Bible studies at DCC. The administration moved the parole violators out a few months ago so they have been doing Bible studies on Tuesday and Thursday evening on the seventh floor. They usually have about fifteen men at each Bible study. One of the men was concerned about his fiancée so I contacted her and have been encouraging her in her faith. We got some sad news the last week of March about a young man we had ministered to in prison for several years. Aaron had been home about five months. His uncle came to his house, shot and killed Aaron and then took his own life. Aaron had contacted us when he got out about clothing and finding a home church. We told him about a church close to where he lived that had a clothing outreach and he said he would check on it. We shared the love of God with Aaron and encouraged him to seek a relationship with the Lord. We can't make that decision for the men we minister to as much as we wish that we could.

During April, Larry spent three days at the Ouachita River Unit and two days at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR. It had been several months since Larry had been at the Tucker Unit and the men were very happy to see him. Larry and Darryl had their bi-weekly Bible studies at DCC in Texarkana, AR. Larry spent a lot of time on the road on Thursday, April 22. We have been trying to organize a Seder service and meal at the prison in Malvern since we attended a Seder service in 2014. This year the men wanting to participate in the service found a video to watch. We contacted Pastor Craig Rose who did the Seder service we attended about getting a Seder plate for the men. He and his wife prepared the food and loaned the men their plate. Larry picked up the plate in Texarkana that morning and took it to the prison that afternoon. The men were very appreciative. Thursday evening, Larry and I attended a volunteer appreciation banquet at DCC in Texarkana, AR. After everyone finished eating, they asked each ministry to introduce themselves. The warden and the chaplain spoke as well as some of the staff that counsel and work with the men to help them get ready to go home. The guest speaker was a young woman who works with the state prison system's re-entry program. We have heard about re-entry programs for a long time and can only hope that those in the prison system realize how important this is. From what we have seen, a man released to a half-way house with no family support or job skills doesn't have a chance. And as Larry tells the men, if you don't take Jesus with you when you leave prison, you will be back.

After the banquet, we went home, got in the van and left for southern Illinois. We had hoped to make the seven hour drive to my sister's house in Ellis Grove but we had to stop and get a couple

hours sleep around 2:30AM. Our plan was to visit with family on Friday and go to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Blessing at the Bald Knob Cross on Sunday morning. This is probably one of the largest bike blessings in the Midwest. We have friends that have helped with blessings for several years and they encouraged us to come. Things did not work out as any of us had planned and to be honest, we almost gave up and drove home Saturday evening. We planned to sleep in the van at the cross but found out on our way to Bald Knob that wasn't allowed any more. We got to the cross and talked to one of the men in charge and he told us they didn't need our help. He went on to mention the little town of Alto Pass which is a few miles from the cross was having a Blessing Fest in conjunction with the Bike Blessing. He thought they might let us set up our bikes there and hand out cross pennies, earrings, Bibles and tracts. He took us into town in hopes of introducing us to the mayor but calls to the mayor went to voicemail. He took us to the volunteer fire station and introduced us to some of the firemen. They didn't see a problem with what we wanted to do and made us feel right at home. A couple of them helped us unload the bikes and we spent several hours talking to them Saturday evening. Our friends Dave and Darlene Trinkle came down from DuQuoin on Sunday and helped us and bought our lunch. We talked to a lot of people and the firemen invited us to come back next year. We left late Sunday afternoon for the drive back to Hope. The devil tried to discourage us but we believe we did what God wanted us to do. Who knows, maybe there was someone we talked to that just needed a little encouragement and to be reminded that God cares about them.

We spent Mother's Day weekend at the Kiamichi Independent Bikers Rally in Idabel, OK. Saturday morning we left on the poker run with our brother in Christ Ed and one of Ed's brothers. At the fourth stop, Larry noticed the front tire on his bike was low and Ed needed gas. The plan was to stop at the next gas station but Larry didn't make it that far. His front tire went flat as we were going down the road about 60 MPH. Ed told me later he was praying as Larry guided the bike to the side of the road. I rode into the next town to get a can of Fix-A-Flat. When I got back, they had the bike up on three huge rocks and a farmer and his son that were out looking for lost cattle had stopped to help. One of the KIB members stopped then went home and got his air compressor. They got the tire to hold air and we made the last stop on the run and then went back to the rally. Thank God for keeping Larry's bike upright! We gave away several Hellfighter Bibles that weekend along with cross pennies, earrings and patriotic cross pins. We also made some new friends at the rally and look forward to seeing them again. Larry was riding his '81 Shovelhead that weekend and there were seven other Shovelheads there which is a little unusual. There is camaraderie among these Shovelhead riders that was evident over the weekend and Larry would tell you, even when they are talking about motorcycles, he will find some way to bring Jesus into the conversation. On May 14, we attended the Texarkana Fallen Bikers Memorial Wall Benefit. We knew several of the bikers whose names were read during the service. It was good to see so many different clubs come together to support this cause. Larry's '81 Shovelhead took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the bike show. People voted on their favorite bike by putting money in a bucket sitting next to the bike. All of the money was donated to the memorial wall fund.

We are in the process of setting up a couple rodeo/revivals at two Arkansas prisons. We're also planning to go to a vintage bike show in Bossier City, LA later this month. There will be other rallies and/or shows coming up plus Larry's regular prison schedule. We are blessed that God has called us to minister to the bikers and those who are in prison. 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.

Blessings,

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