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'For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear'. 2 Timothy 4:3

It is sad but we believe the verse above accurately describes many of today's churches and many who profess to be Christians. Instead of standing up for what the Bible says, we have compromised. We celebrated Independence Day on July 4. I wonder what our founding fathers would think about the state of our country today. Many of our founding fathers were Godly men and established our nation on Godly principles and beliefs. We need to pray for our country and our leaders to return to God while there is still time.

During May, Larry spent four days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern. He was there the day they had graduation and had the chance to talk to several men from other prisons. He has been a volunteer with the prison system for sixteen years. He mentioned that a couple of the wardens from other units talked to him and thanked him for his service over the years. He also held the Bible study for the parole violators at DCC in Texarkana, AR three evenings and made one visit to Texarkana Work Release.

In June, Larry spent three days at Ouachita River Unit and did the Bible study at DCC in Texarkana, AR three evenings. One of the times he was at DCC he had seventeen men at the Bible study which is about double the normal attendance. I commented that was good and he said he wondered if some of them came to get out of going to a cleaning detail that was going on at the same time. Even if they were there to get out of working, we know they might have heard something that they needed to hear. Isaiah 55:11 says that God's word will not return to Him empty but will accomplish what He desires. These men are parole violators so they have done time, were released and didn't comply with their parole plan or got in trouble again. Larry talked to one man who was on parole in Texas and Arkansas. He had a job in Arkansas and his Texas parole officer violated him for going across the state line. Seems crazy to us and we don't understand why things like that happen but unfortunately they do.

Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson is hosting a two day Restore Hope Summit in Little Rock on August 25-26. Larry is registered and plans to attend. The purpose of the summit is to get faith leaders and the church to support prisoners who are re-entering the community and to support foster children. We have a friend who is a former prison chaplain who is working on opening a faith based re-entry center in Arkansas. There is a great need for places such as this. We know men who are in their fifties, sixties and seventies who have been in prison since they were eighteen. One man that Larry ministers to at Ouachita River Unit has been in prison fifty years. They are serving life sentences, some with no chance of parole. Some of them who do go up for parole have nowhere to parole out to. It is heart breaking because we know many of them who would never go back to prison if they had just once chance at freedom.

Saturday, June 6 we took our old bikes to a vintage bike show in Bossier City, LA. We didn't win a trophy but we had the opportunity to hand out a lot of cross pennies and earrings. Two of Kathy's Motor Maid sisters from Louisiana met us there and we enjoyed visiting with them. The Motor Maids just celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> year at a convention in Canada. Next year's convention

will be in Santa Fe, New Mexico and although it is a year away, we would like to go. Larry had on his 'In Memory of Rollie' shirt that day. We were standing in line to get a hamburger and a man behind him asked about the shirt. He told us that he had been a Bandido back in the seventies and remembered Rollie. Larry told him how we met Rollie and that he got saved in prison, was released and then passed away in 2011. He told us he got saved in 1978. He used to have girls working for him as prostitutes. One of them was in the hospital and he went to visit her and 'stole' the Gideon Bible from her bedside table. He started to read it and told us his club brothers thought he was crazy because he would sit by the camp fire at rallies and read the Bible. He said he later realized that he didn't actually steal that Bible and God used it to bring him to salvation.

Saturday June 13 was the celebration of life for Happy Jack Burbridge. Mama Carolyn asked Larry to be one of the speakers at the service at their church in Clinton, AR. There was a large crowd there, many who had worked with them in their ministry and many more that they had ministered to over the years. At the end of the service, the pastor baptized one of their great grandsons, Kayden Roy. Happy Jack left a great legacy behind for his family and those whose lives he touched. The one thing that everyone that spoke mentioned was that Happy Jack did not sugarcoat the Gospel. If the Bible said it, he believed it and he preached it. He was inspirational in Larry's initial involvement in prison ministry. Larry used to go to many of the prisons with Happy Jack when he first started doing prison ministry. We have many good memories of those days. It was such a blessing to have him with us last fall at our rodeo/revival at the prison in Malvern and we were hoping to do that again this year. Mama Carolyn and her son Vern and daughter Jackie will continue the ministry. We're looking forward to working with them at some of the rallies and prison runs in September.

The following weekend we went to Lebanon, MO for our niece's wedding. She said it was pretty amazing that her uncle is a minister and that he could be their 'official officiant' at the ceremony! It was a beautiful wedding and we enjoyed being able to spend some time with our family. We had to go through Clinton, AR to get to Lebanon. God worked it out so we could eat lunch with Mama Carolyn, Vern and Toni Burbridge and Dennis and Carolyn Ballinger on the way to Lebanon and on the trip back home we ate with Carolyn and the Ballingers again.

Bike week in Sturgis, South Dakota will be here soon; August 3-9. This is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the rally so they are preparing for record attendance. We know people who made reservations over a year ago and many of the hotels and campgrounds are full. Larry has been punching cross pennies and drilling holes in the crosses we use to make the earrings for several weeks now. We are thankful for our church family at Red Lick 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church who has put hundreds of pairs of earrings together for us.

The last few years we have stayed across from the Buffalo Chip at Gentle Eagle Manor. There is only one highway leading into Sturgis from that area and after dealing with the traffic headaches last year, we decided to stay with our blind friend, Craig (or Bart as we call him), in Rapid City this year. We will still be close to Sturgis and can spend more time with Bart. He enjoys going for motorcycle rides and we told him we would fix him some home cooked meals. He never complains but we know it has to get lonely living all by himself. We appreciate your prayers for our ministry at bike week in Sturgis. We know God will put people in our path that need to hear about Him. Your financial support and prayers are a blessing to us!

Blessings,

Larry & Kathy