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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Col. 2:6-7

Can you believe November is here and Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away? Every day should be a day of thanksgiving for believers. Even if you are going through a difficult time, what Jesus did on the cross is reason to give thanks. We can be thankful God will see us through the tough times. We are grateful for each of you who pray for us and support us financially.

During September, Larry spent three days ministering at the prison in Malvern. He and Danny also spent one day at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR. It had been several months since they had been able to get into Tucker and the men were really glad to see them. Back in the spring, Rollie's daughter asked if Larry would marry her and Scott at their house in Baytown, TX on September 11. If you don't remember, Rollie is the Bandido who was saved while he was at Tucker Max prison. He has been out of prison two and one-half years and although he still has some health problems, he is a walking miracle as far as we are concerned. After the ceremony I asked Rollie what he would have thought if someone had told him three years ago that he would be able to attend Joyce and Scott's wedding. He said he would have thought they were crazy and agreed with me that God is good. Being able to be there with his family that weekend was a real blessing for us. Right after we got home from Baytown, the bearings on the rear wheel of Larry's bike went out. When he took off the wheel, he noticed a huge chunk missing in the tire. Thank you Lord for keeping us safe on the highways.

The Bikes, Blues and BBQ rally in Fayetteville, AR was the first weekend in October. We started looking for a place to set up our camper in early September. We were beginning to get discouraged and one morning the week before the rally I prayed 'God if you want us to go, you need to find us a place to stay'. Later that same morning, our friend Chip who lives in Fayetteville called to see if we wanted to set up our camper in his yard. Thank you Lord for answering my prayer. We met Chip ten years ago when he was at Texarkana Work Release. We had stayed at his house before and had been concerned because we had not heard from him in over a year. We enjoyed the fellowship with Chip plus his house is just minutes from Dickson Street where most of the activity goes on.

We made it to Chip's house late Thursday night and got up early Friday morning so we could get a good parking place on Dickson Street. Dickson Street is like Main Street in Daytona or Sturgis; everyone likes to park their bikes there and there are people riding up and down the street until late at night. We parked in front of a bar called George's Majestic. Larry was set up there last year and had ministered to a young man who works at the bar. We had the chance to talk to him again this year. We have a rack that fits on the trailer hitch of our bikes similar to the racks you see on the back of SUVs. We put it on my bike with a sign that said "Free Bibles, cross pennies, earrings, tracts". We gave away one thousand cross pennies, three hundred pair of earrings and several Hell Fighter Bibles and tracts. Danny, David and Terri were there and did some street ministry with us. We signed up to help the CMA with parking out at the Tyson track where several vendors were set up. We both worked a two-hour shift on Friday and Saturday.

Larry had an interesting conversation at a free breakfast at the Baptist church on Saturday morning. L.D. sat down at our table and introduced himself. He said he was in his seventies and lived in Fayetteville. He was not a biker. He and Larry talked about the Lord and L.D. said he was a Christian. He asked a question that no one had ever asked and one that we couldn't answer. He knew he will see his parents again in heaven but he asked how old they would be and how old he would be. He went on to tell us that there are people in his life that he needs to forgive and he is struggling with it. He and Larry talked about forgiveness and when he left, he told us he would see us at the same table for breakfast next year. Another man we met was a Vietnam veteran who didn't want to admit that God had anything to do with keeping him safe during the war. He kept himself safe according to him. When we got home, we had an email from a young man we used to write to in prison. He saw our bikes on Dickson Street and never could find us but he wanted us to know he is home and doing great.

The following Saturday, we rode to Jefferson, TX to the Boo Run with our neighbor Darrell. We spent the afternoon there walking the streets and talking to people. We talked to several Christian groups who were handing out Bibles, tracts, water, etc. They told us that ministries aren't charged a fee for their vending space so we're considering getting a space at next year's rally. The following weekend we went to the Kiamichi Independent Biker's rally in Idabel, OK. I gave a pair of cross earrings to a sweet little girl who was probably three years old. Her grandmother told me the next day that she shows them to everyone. I am praying that God will use her and those earrings to touch someone's heart. Our friends from the God Squad in McAlester, OK invited us to go to a rally in Sparks, OK the following weekend. They had a place we could stay so we wouldn't have to take our camper. We had wanted to go to this rally for a long time but things never worked out. Larry was asked to share his testimony at our church's associational meeting the day the rally started so he left early that evening after he gave his testimony. We heard this rally was like the Buffalo Chip in Sturgis with a lot of partying and nudity going on and according to Larry that is an accurate description. They have two rallies each year and we plan to go back next June. The next Saturday we went to the chapel grand opening at the Maximum Security Unit in Tucker, AR. Larry also spent three days ministering at the prison in Malvern and made two visits to the work release center in Texarkana in October.

Our first toy run of the season will be on November 20 and there will be more in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Larry has been invited to speak at the high school in Forrest City, AR on December 4th. This is part of a weekend campaign against crime and drug use that is being hosted by concerned citizens of St. Francis County. We have started getting letters from the prison chaplains asking for help with Christmas sacks. We'll be checking prices on the items they are allowed to have and making sure we get the best deal we can. A package of Ramen noodles and hot cocoa might not seem like much but it means a lot to someone in prison. Their families may have cut all ties with them or maybe their families are struggling to make it without dad there to provide an income. I know from the letters we receive that Christmas time is hard on them. They can't be with their families or buy gifts for their children. They realize how the bad choices they made have affected their whole family and it hurts. That is why we buy items for Christmas sacks; write letters, send Christmas and birthday cards. It's why Larry goes to the prisons and invests his time in the men. That's why we take the Bikers IV Jesus team to the prison on weekends. Some of our team members have been in prison like Larry was. When they can talk to people who have been where they are, were set free and are living a Godly life, it encourages them. We do all of these things to give the men hope, a hope that is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We couldn't do any of this without your financial support and prayers. We are counting on your help as we close out 2010 and make plans for next year. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Love,

Larry & Kathy