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“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever”. Psalm 118:1

It has been a busy two months for us. We may not be able to cover everything in this newsletter but we will try our best to bring you up to date. During September and October, Larry ministered at the prison in Malvern three days, he spent one day at the Tucker Unit and went to Texarkana Work Release three times.

We left our house at 5:30AM on Sept. 10 for the bike rally in Hot Springs, AR. We parked our bikes on Bath House Row. We have a rack that we attach to the trailer hitch on Kathy's bike. After we park, we put the cross pennies, earrings, Bibles, and tracts on the rack with a sign that says “Free”. We walked down to the Vintage Bike Show and ran into a young man we met at Teen Challenge back in July. He introduced us to his parents who were visiting from Tennessee. His mom told us she was glad to see he had made a change in his life. We worked at the Convention Center for four hours Saturday afternoon and then ate supper with Happy Jack and Carolyn Burbridge and some of their friends. We were on the street until midnight. We spent a long time talking to a couple from Louisiana and a lady who had just moved to Hot Springs from Dallas. We went to the Sunday morning service that Happy Jack did at the Convention Center, ate breakfast and fellowshipped with some people we met at the service and came home.

The next weekend was the Bikers IV Jesus rodeo/revival at the prison in Malvern, AR. Larry brought the message Friday night and several team members shared their testimonies. One of them mentioned he had added up how many years behind bars the team members who were there that night had and it was over fifty. What a blessing it is to go back in the prisons and share the life changing power of God; and who better to do it than those who have been there. On Saturday we visited in the barracks and spent part of the day on the prison yard. Steve Petty came with us and brought Kyle Petty's #44 NASCAR. We had the snow cone machine with us and every man that came out got an orange snow cone. After the men looked at the car and heard it run, Mr. Petty gave a devotional using the NASCAR flags. Each of the flags represents something in a race and in our walk with the Lord. Several men came forward for prayer after the devotionals. Mr. Petty brought the message Saturday night which centered around the fact that we need Jesus to be our “gas man” and like a NASCAR, if we don't have gas we don't have power. Sunday morning Thomas Lovelady who got out of prison earlier this year gave his testimony and Dewey Magar brought the message.

We left the afternoon of Sept. 29 for the 300 mile ride to Bikes, Blues and BBQ Rally in Fayetteville, AR. We set our camper up in our friend Chip's yard again this year. We were up early Friday and Saturday mornings so we could park the bikes in front of George's Majestic Lounge on Dickson Street. Dickson Street still seems to be where most of the rally goers hang out, especially late at night. We had the rack on Kathy's bike with free Bibles, tracts, cross pennies and earrings. We don't stand by the bikes and hand out any of these items; we let people who walk by take what they want. That weekend we gave away 75 Hellfighter Bibles, 400 pair of cross earrings and 1,000 cross pennies. Some of those people stopped and talked to us; others took what they wanted and went on. We aren't there to judge them or cram the Bible down their throats but if they want to talk, we will listen. We got to renew our friendship with Marty, a young man who is a bouncer at George's. Larry also ministered to a young man who was

working at one of the vendor tents. They talked several times over the weekend. He is a Christian but was struggling with some things going on in his life.

We went to the Kiamichi Independent Biker's Rally in Idabel, OK the weekend of Oct. 15th. We went on the poker run Saturday morning and got back in time for a biker wedding. While the bike games were going on, I spent a long time talking to one of the women. She and her husband were drug users but they have been clean six years. She is really concerned about their two daughters who still use drugs and have been in and out of jail. She took Bibles and tracts to give them and I assured her I would pray for them. Larry helped with the bike blessing after the Sunday morning service.

Our rodeo/revival at the Delta Unit in Dermott, AR that was scheduled for the following weekend was cancelled. Brad Hurst who was the chaplain's clerk at the unit passed away Oct. 9th and his memorial service was the 22nd. Our brother Rollie passed away on Oct. 17th and his funeral was in Houston, TX on the 22nd. We have mentioned Rollie in our newsletters before. He was a member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club when Larry met him in prison ten years ago. He got saved in prison and due to some medical conditions, was released in February 2008. His family wanted Larry to officiate at his funeral which turned out to be the largest biker funeral we have ever attended. To back up a little bit, Brad Hurst used to make little plastic crosses for us in gang colors and we handed them out at rallies. Larry discovered Friday night that he had six crosses in the Bandido colors which are red and gold. He was trying to figure out who to give the crosses to when he realized there were six pall bearers. Strange how God works things like that out, isn't it? Larry got the chance to meet and talk to several of Rollie's Bandido brothers and their chaplain. He had met a few of them before on his trips to visit Rollie. One of them made the comment that he wished he had a biker preacher that would travel that far to see him. We knew from some of the stories Rollie told us that he had been someone to reckon with in the day. In fact they had tee-shirts made up that said 'Bandido Legend Rollie'. He had been in the club for over forty years. Before the funeral Larry mentioned that he was nervous. I reminded him of something Rollie told us before undergoing surgery a couple months ago. Rollie said he wasn't worried because God had his back. Although there were several hundred bikers at the funeral, very few came inside for the service. Larry gave those at the funeral the chance to share something they remembered about Rollie. Some talked about parties and fights, but his daughter and granddaughter shared about the man they will always remember. A new man in Christ who loved his family and friends and wasn't afraid to tell others about Jesus. They took Rollie on his "last ride" in a black carriage pulled behind a Harley trike. The motorcycle procession following the trike must have been two miles long with bikes two abreast. We didn't get to go for that motorcycle ride we often talked to Rollie about but praise God we know he is riding on the streets of gold and we'll see him again.

We don't know how you feel but we're trying to figure out where this year went. We'll celebrate Thanksgiving in two weeks and Christmas will be here before we know it. We have already received letters from several prisons asking for help with the inmate Christmas sacks. Larry has been checking prices and trying to find the best deal possible. The majority of prisoners would tell you that Christmas is tough. They are away from their families and some won't be able to call home to talk to their loved ones. Some of them will not even receive a Christmas card. The Christmas sacks are a simple way to let them know that they have not been forgotten and that God loves them. Because of your help and generosity, last year we were able to help fill Christmas sacks for over 5,000 prisoners in the State of Arkansas. We are ready to do it again; can we count on your help?

Merry Christmas to all!

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