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"I urge, then, first of all that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people; for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

I struggled to find a verse for this newsletter. The elections are history, Thanksgiving is two weeks away and Christmas will be here in no time. We have much to be thankful for but the need to keep our elected officials and our nation in prayer is so important right now. It is time to take a stand for what is right in the sight of the Lord.

We spent Saturday, Sept. 8th at the women's prison in Pine Bluff, AR. We were blessed that day not only to be at the prison but to be able to see one of the men we ministered to in prison and meet his wife. Jerry and Paula were part of the ministry team that day and we enjoyed being able to talk to them and hear what God is doing in their lives. We were out on the yard all afternoon. The women enjoyed the bike games, music and testimonies. Saturday evening we had two chapel services. Larry and I shared our testimonies at the last service. One of the women came to us after the service and asked us to pray for her son. He is eighteen and was just sentenced to serve twenty years for 2nd degree murder. Larry had the opportunity to talk to this young man several weeks later when he was in intake at the prison in Malvern. Three days later, Larry left for Illinois to attend his Aunt Mary's funeral. From there he went to Greentown, IN to the 31st Annual Vietnam Veteran's Reunion. Our friends Tim and Peggy Grisham invited us to come and help them. They set up their ministry tent and served breakfast and lunch during the reunion. Bridget and Dennis who helped the Grisham's in Daytona this year were also at the reunion. There are a lot of veterans from this war who are still hurting. Larry and Dennis talked and prayed with a man who broke down and cried while they were talking to him. Larry took a supply of Hellfighter Bibles, tracts and of course the cross pennies and earrings. We've already been contacted by a man who was there who wanted more earrings. He described himself as a worn out Vietnam Vet trying to find his way. We're hoping that we will be able to go back to this rally next year and try to help people like this man find Jesus.

We lost two good friends the following week, David Bisbing and Bob Clark. We met David when he was in prison at the Pine Bluff Unit and had tried to help him after he was released. We met Bob right after he got out of prison in 2004. He was a member of our ministry team a few years ago, strayed away from the Lord, and was back in prison. He was back in fellowship with the Lord and was looking forward to ministering with us again but he suffered a massive heart attack and died. Both of these men had their share of struggles on this earth but we take comfort in knowing that they are free now.

On September 23 we rode to El Dorado, AR for a biker Sunday at 1st Assembly of God Church. We met the pastor there, Al Womack not long after Larry got saved when Al was pastor of a church near Memphis, TN. After the service, we visited with our friends A.D. and Sherry. A.D. got out of prison in March, has a job and he and his family are doing well. Larry left for Bikes, Blues and BBQ in Fayetteville, AR the evening of September 27. Our friend Chip had made some changes at his house and had a room for Larry to stay in so he didn't have to pull the camper up there. Larry spent eighteen hours on Dickson Street both Friday and Saturday. He had the rack on the back of his bike with Bibles, tracts, pennies and cross earrings. On Friday,

Larry visited with our brother Don Overbey from Kansas. Don and his wife Rhea were there to try to find a spot for their ministry to set up their Music For The Soul tent next year. They have been doing this in Sturgis for five years. This year Rev. Jimmie Bratcher and Larry Howard were there. If all goes as planned, Music For The Soul will be in Fayetteville next year.

We spent Saturday, October 13 at the Maximum Security Unit at Tucker, AR. We had five motorcycles and nine men and women on the team. It was evident that God wanted us to be there and we had a great day of ministry. We had been told that the administration wouldn't allow ex-felons on the team but we had three ex-felons with us. When we got to the unit at 6:30AM it was so foggy we could barely see and they wouldn't let us out on the yard. We thank God for protecting all of us traveling that morning, especially our brother Curtis who rode a borrowed motorcycle all the way from Joplin, MO in the heavy fog. We visited the barracks until the fog lifted and then we spent some time out on the yard. They had a Christian band called Oktober Melon there and the men enjoyed them. Danny Knick shared a devotional while we were on the yard. After yard call was over, we visited in the barracks again until time for the chapel service. We spent a long time talking to a young man who was struggling with how many people God killed in the Old Testament. He understands that we are under a new covenant now and we encouraged him to read more of the New Testament and focus on the promises we have when we are in Christ Jesus. The chapel was full for the evening service. Oktober Melon played again and Morrie Kool shared what the Lord had laid on his heart with the men. Several men came forward for prayer during the altar call.

The following weekend Larry went to the Kiamichi Independent Biker's rally in Idabel, OK. The weather was nice but the attendance was down this year. He had a small table sitting next to the bike with the cross pennies, earrings, tracts and Bibles. He also had some silver crosses that say "Jesus Saves" on them. One of the KIB members asked if he knew that a little boy had picked up a handful of the silver crosses and was trying to sell them to people for a quarter! We figured he probably saw something he wanted at one of the vendors and was trying to get enough money to buy it.

Along with the rallies and revivals I mentioned, Larry also ministered at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR six times and made several visits to the work release center and Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR. Jeff, the young man we mentioned in our September newsletter who was in the Bible study for the parole violators is home now and has a good job. The last time we talked he said he was tired of doing time and I jokingly told him it was about time! Jeff is one of those young men we've met over the years that is like family to us.

It doesn't seem like very long ago that we were at Sam's Club loading up carts with Ramen noodles, crackers and peppermints for Christmas sacks but we're getting ready to do it again. We have received letters from several prisons asking for our help again this year. The prison in Malvern where Larry is based at has over 1,500 residents now. Last Christmas with your help we were able to buy items for over 5,000 prisoners at ten prisons and the local jail. Can we count on your help to do that again this year? One of the men we gave a sack to last year was thrilled to find a bar of soap inside because he had just used his last bar of soap. Some of the men we send Christmas cards to may not get a card from anyone else. Christmas can be a very lonely time for prisoners, especially those who don't have any contact with their family. These sacks are just a small way to show them they have not been forgotten and to remind them of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to us. We hope you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

In Christ,

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