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'Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.' Colossians 2:7

We've had so many ministry opportunities since our last newsletter that I doubt they will fit on these two pages. It is a blessing to be able to travel and share the Gospel and we are thankful for all of you for your prayers and support. We traveled to Chester, IL last weekend to spend some time with Larry's Aunt Jane Richards. She and Larry grew up together and were more like brother and sister. She had battled cancer for the last six years and passed away on November 12. She was a believer so we take comfort in that and know we will see her again. Family is so important. If you have family members who aren't saved, minister to them, share the Gospel with them. Maybe you have a family member you haven't spoken to in years, contact them and reconcile your differences while you still can.

The second weekend in September we rode to Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton, AR for a Motor Maid event. Kathy joined the Motor Maids in 2013 and this was the first event we have attended. We met several of the ladies and their husbands and gave away cross pennies, earrings and pins. The following weekend was the Bikers IV Jesus Rodeo/Revival at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR. Larry and several of the team members went in on Friday afternoon to visit the barracks and invite the men to the Friday night service. Bro. Terrell Polite brought the message Friday night. We met Terrell several years ago when he was just out of high school. We remember how nervous he was the first time he preached at the Ouachita River Unit but he brought a powerful message Friday evening. One of the things that got my attention was his statement that God isn't going to ask if you can quote the Bible, He is going to ask if you lived the Bible. He also talked about repentance. We were back at the prison Saturday morning with our motorcycles and spent most of the day out on the yard. The men always enjoy watching the bike games and looking at the bikes. We had some men on our team that had been in prison and they shared with the men while we were on the yard. One of the inmates asked if he could speak and he gave his testimony. Late in the afternoon, we visited one of the hospital barracks and talked to the men who aren't able to go out on the yard. Happy Jack Burbridge brought the message Saturday night. Larry used to go in the prisons with Happy Jack when he first started in the ministry and it had been a long time since we ministered together. He shared his testimony and told the men that they needed to quit 'half-stepping' and surrender their lives completely to the Lord. Our pastor, Bro. Paul Shelton, brought the Sunday morning message. He used an illustration to show the men how the blood of Jesus washes us white as snow. He had three clear cups. One was full of water and represented man, one had iodine and represented sin and the last had bleach and represented Jesus. We are born into sin so when he poured the iodine into the water the water turned dark. But all it took was one little drop of bleach (Jesus) to turn that dark water crystal clear. We prayed with several men during the weekend and a team member told us he lead a young man to the Lord while we were out on the yard.

The following weekend we went to Fayetteville, AR for Bikes, Blues and BBQ. Larry put his old Harley in our van that we bought Labor Day weekend with the help of some dear friends in the ministry and I rode my bike. When we got to Fayetteville, we parked the van at Wal-mart, unloaded his bike and slept in the van at night. One evening when we went back to Wal-mart, we parked the bikes in front of the store and were getting ready to go inside. A young lady ran

over to us and asked if we had ever been to the women's prison in Pine Bluff. We told her had and she told us she thought she remembered us. She has been clean one year, has a baby boy and is doing great. Right after we got to Dickson Street, Larry struck up a conversation with a biker from Rockford, IL who had lost his keys. One morning when we were eating breakfast, a man that had done time at Cummins Prison recognized Larry. We met Sparky, who is a chaplain for the railroad and talked to a couple bikers from Tulsa, OK one day at lunch. We always find some way to bring Jesus into the conversations we have with whoever we meet. There is always a small group at the rally that walks up and down Dickson Street with bull horns telling people they are going to hell. Larry and Danny Knick tried to talk to them Saturday evening. While they were talking, Cheryl Knick and I talked to two young ladies who go to college there. They said this same group goes to the college all the time and most of the students try to ignore them. These young ladies were believers and told us they were glad we were there trying to share the Gospel. We gave away 450 pair of earrings, 400 cross pins, over 1,000 cross pennies and 100 Hellfighter Bibles during the weekend. We came home through Texarkana on Sunday afternoon and witnessed a motorcycle accident just ahead of us. A van pulled out right in front of a group of motorcycles and one of them hit the back of the van. If we had been a few seconds earlier we could have been involved. We both pulled over immediately along with several bikes that were with the bike that went down. I didn't realize at the time that Larry knew the accident victim. All I could do was pray while Larry ran back to see how bad Gary was hurt. He was lying in the ditch and his passenger was sitting on the curb. She was not seriously injured. Larry and Gary's brother kept telling Gary to talk to Jesus. His brother told Larry that God sure had him in the right place at the right time and as hard as it was for Larry, we know that He did. Larry went to the emergency room and was there when Gary passed away. Gary used to attend Bible studies at Texarkana Work Release and he was a Christian. We went to his funeral the following weekend. Gary was a member of the Scorpions Motorcycle Club and there were a lot of clubs represented at his funeral. A young woman who had tried to keep Larry away from Gary at the accident scene apologized to him at the funeral. She had told Larry at the scene that he needed to get out of the way and let his club brothers talk to him. Gary's brother told her Larry was his chaplain in prison and to leave him alone.

On October 7 we went to a banquet in New Boston, TX for a group that volunteers at the Barry Telford Unit in New Boston, TX. We talked to several volunteers and the chaplain. Larry would like to do some ministry at this unit. On October 16, Larry preached at the Emmet United Methodist Church in Emmet, AR. Several of our friends and church family were at the service and the pastor told Larry he could come back any time. We left the next evening for the Kiamichi Independent Biker Rally in Idabel, OK. This was the second road trip for the van that we have named Samson because it is so big. It has a wheelchair lift and an extended roof. Once the bike is unloaded, there is room in the back for a full size air mattress. We talked to a lot of people over the weekend. Larry had just given a Bible to a young man at work release who father is a KIB member. We gave away several Bibles, earrings, cross pennies and tracts.

Where did this year go? It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is six weeks away. We're planning to go on the first toy run of the year next weekend. Last year with your help we supported eight prisons and our local jail which meant that 4,800 men and women received a Christmas sack. We would like to be able to do that this year and hope that we can count on your help again. We've been checking prices and as always, will find the best deal possible. We put some money aside during the year but if you want to help, just put on your check that it is for Christmas. We will be mailing a lot of Christmas cards to inmates too and can always use postage stamps. Wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Blessings & Peace,

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