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'Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds to mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things'. Psalm 107:8-9

How can it be November already? I'm not sure where this year went! The last two months were busy and we know these next two months will be too. We have had a few requests to be removed from our mailing list recently. The quickest way to do this is to call or email us with your name and address. If you use one of our return envelopes to make the request, please put your name and address on the envelope.

On August 26, we attended 'The Gathering' in Little Rock. This is an annual meeting for ADC chaplains and volunteers. The highlight of the meeting for me was the praise and worship led by Prodigal Daughters. These women are inmates at the women's prison in Newport, AR and they were such a blessing. A couple of them shared their testimonies. Larry also had the opportunity to minister to a young man in the Hempstead County Jail in September. September 9, we rode to the bike rally in Hot Springs, AR. We spent a long time talking to a couple who are members of the Catholic Cross Bearers Motorcycle Ministry. We had the opportunity to pray with a young woman, Tammy who is battling cancer.

We left the evening of September 21 for Bikes, Blues & BBQ in Fayetteville, AR. We hauled two of our old Harleys and Larry rode my bike. We set up on Dickson Street in front of a bar called Yeehawg. Larry had a chance to talk to one of the bouncers several times while we were there. We had the rack on the back of my bike with Hellfighter Bibles, tracts, cross pennies, cross earrings and patriotic cross pins. We met a biker who had done time in Menard Prison in Illinois, which is where Larry was sent when he first went to prison. We talked to another biker who did time at Tucker Prison in Arkansas and got saved there in 1977. We also ran into Jeremy, a young man we met at Brickey's Prison and had written to for several years. He is doing well and introduced us to his daughter, Zoe. One afternoon we got on the train to ride over to Baum Stadium and heard someone call our names. It was Marvin and Debra, a couple we met at the KIB rally in Oklahoma. They have moved and we had not seen them in several years. It seems we always run into old friends and former prisoners at this rally!

Thursday evening we decided to eat supper at Jimmy John's on Dickson Street. We sat on bar stools that faced the street. We watched a young man who works at Jimmy John's as he tried to get the tube out of his rear bicycle tire. Larry went outside to help and then came back inside. The young man told him this was his fifth day on the job and this was his second flat tire. He had a new tire but didn't have a tube and didn't have money for a tube. Larry asked how much a tube would cost and he said less than \$10. We gave him \$10; he got the tube and brought us back the change. Larry helped him get the tube and tire back on the bicycle. He was thankful for our help. Thursday evening a young woman struck up a conversation with me. She was eating inside a restaurant, looked out and saw the sign about cross pennies on the bike. Someone had given her a cross penny and she wanted more but didn't know where to get them. She helps with Celebrate Recovery Ministry in the Fayetteville area. We shared our testimonies with her and she told us that she separated from her husband recently but is praying they can be reconciled. She got pennies and earrings from us to hand out and came back Friday evening to get more. A local television station interviewed Larry Friday afternoon. A friend who lives in

that area told us he saw it but we have not been able to find it. Friday evening a couple from the Baptist Church on Dickson St. that serves free breakfast on Saturday morning stopped to talk to us. We told them about our ministry. They have been married 52 years. They said it was encouraging to them to see people out on the streets witnessing. We ate breakfast at the church Saturday morning and sat at the table with a couple we met there a few years ago. She told me their son committed suicide last year and they found him. This has taken a toll on them as you can imagine.

We spent the following weekend with a group of Motor Maids at the Dot Robinson Field Meet on Petit Jean Mountain in Morrilton, AR. It is beautiful up there and the weather was great. We enjoyed meeting some new people and handing out cross pennies and earrings. Coming back from a ride Saturday afternoon, we noticed one of the Motor Maids sitting by herself at a gas station so we stopped to see if we could help. She was waiting on a tow truck to haul her bike to a shop but Larry did some troubleshooting and we prayed with her. My district director asked me to pray at the end of the awards ceremony on Saturday night. Three of the women were involved in an accident Friday afternoon and two of them were still in the hospital. The following Saturday we went to the prison in Malvern, AR to help Christmas Behind Bars Outreach Ministries hand out their Christmas sacks. They are from Indiana and travel to several prisons across the country. The men were very thankful for this early Christmas blessing. I noticed an older man with tears rolling down his cheeks as he walked out of the chapel with his sack. I think many of these men believe that no one cares about them and it touches some of them when they realize someone does care. Larry also had the opportunity to minister to a young man that detailed our motorcycles for us. To make a long story short; the bikes were not ready when we planned to pick them up because of some personal issues in this man's life. We were frustrated at first but then realized God was giving us an opportunity to minister. Larry took him aside and talked to him. He helped us load one of the bikes on the trailer and we told him we wanted to pray with him before we left. He commented that he couldn't remember when the last time was that anyone had prayed for him. In the fast-paced world we live in, I think we can get in such a hurry that we miss opportunities like this. Maybe we need to slow down.

Larry continues his ministry at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR. This prison is the first stop for men leaving the county jail and the hospital for all ADC prisoners is at this unit. The needs are great as you can imagine and we ask that you keep the chaplaincy department in your prayers.

We will begin working on our Christmas Behind Bars outreach very soon. We want to thank our sister-in-Christ Maureen and New Creation Fellowship in Indiana for helping us get an early start this year! Last year we supported nine prisons in Arkansas along with the Hempstead County Jail. We set aside money during the year for this but we couldn't do this without your support. Following is a list of items that we can use – white men's socks, single packets of hot cocoa, single packets of Ramen noodles, individually wrapped candy, and peanut butter cheese crackers. If you want to help and prefer to send a donation, just indicate on the check or money order that it is for Christmas. We buy many of the items from our local Sam's Club so gift cards from Sam's or Wal-Mart are good too. We will also need stamps to put on Christmas cards. The ADC changed their mail policy recently and does not allow the prisoners to receive any cards through the mail. According to them, people were sending drugs in the cards but I still plan to send Christmas letters to all the men that write to us regularly. We know the Christmas season is hard for many of these men and we want to do our best to let them know there are people out here that care about them. We hope you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas season!

Blessings,

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