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'For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6

Thanksgiving is behind us and the Christmas season is fast approaching. We want to thank everyone who has been praying for us as I continue chemotherapy treatments at UAMS in Little Rock. I had four bi-weekly treatments beginning on September 19 and on November 14 started the first of twelve weekly treatments. These treatments are not as harsh as the others, but they still cause stomach problems, so I would appreciate prayer specifically for that. Larry has had to take over many of the household responsibilities and is doing a great job. I have a good support group made up of friends, family and co-workers who pray for us and are willing to pitch in and help with whatever we need. We also have a lot of prayers going up for us from the inmates at several prisons. We have known many of these men for several years and they are like part of the family to us. We know God is going to get me through this and He will get all the glory!

We have had several opportunities to minister when we are at UAMS as you can imagine. At one of my first appointments with the oncologist, Larry gave a cross penny and earrings to the nurse who took us back to the examination room. She asked why he gave these to her and he explained that we hand these out all over the place and that God Loves her. She said she really needed it that particular day. She explained that she was separated from her children's father and got word that his grandmother passed away and she had no idea where he was or how to contact him. We joined hands with her and prayed that God would show her how to contact him. The next time we saw her, she told us she located him, and he was able to spend time with his children and go to his grandmother's funeral.

Larry spent four days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR in October. He spends the majority of his time there visiting the intake barracks and the hospital. Being a volunteer in the ADC prisons for almost twenty years, he has met a lot of men. Some of the older inmates end up in the hospital or one of the barracks for inmates with health problems. It is sad, especially for the ones whose families don't stay in contact with them, but Larry does his best to encourage them when he visits with them. We also found out in October that we lost a good friend and brother-in-Christ, Harold Cassell or Dinker as most of the inmates knew him. Even after he became sick, his letters always made us laugh with stories about his younger days and some of the trouble he got himself into. He took a lot of younger inmates 'under his wing' when they first came in the system to make sure no one took advantage of them. Larry also went to the 4 States Fair Bike Show and Swap Meet in Texarkana, AR and the Children's Hospital Benefit hosted by Swamp Riders Motorcycle Club.

Larry also went to Jacksboro, TN in October to get our Bushtec cargo trailer fixed. Bushtec donated this trailer to the ministry several years ago. We noticed this summer that one of the hinges on the lid was broken. Larry contacted them about it and they said the best thing to do was bring it to their shop so that's what we did. They didn't charge us anything which was a blessing. While Larry was there, he met the director of an organization called A New Beginning, Inc. that trains former inmates for jobs. Some of these men go to work at Bushtec Trailers.

In November, Larry has spent two days at the Ouachita River Unit and made one visit to Texarkana Work Release in Texarkana, AR. He also attended an after-Thanksgiving get together at the Swamp Riders clubhouse in Prescott, AR.

Earlier this year, we bought Christmas cards for the inmates at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR from American Rehabilitation Ministries in Joplin, MO. ARM gets Dayspring cards that are returned by retail stores and sells them at a reduced price. To date, we have collected one hundred eighty-eight pair of socks and one hundred seventy-six bars of soap. A big thank you to all who have helped with this or sent a donation to use for socks. We would not be able to do our Christmas Behind Bars outreach without your help. Last year we supported seven prisons and the Hempstead County Jail, and we hope to be able to do that again this year. We buy most of the Christmas sack items from Sam's Club or Wal-Mart & Save A Lot. We also mail Christmas cards to close to one hundred inmates. Or I should say we mail a copy of a Christmas card. Beginning last year, the ADC changed their policy on cards and letters. The men are only allowed to receive three pages of correspondence in an envelope. The pages are copied, and they are given the copies. This was done in an attempt to keep drugs from being mailed in. So instead of mailing Christmas cards, I make copies of cards to mail to the men. All that being said, if you want to help with the Christmas Behind Bars outreach, please put that on your check or money order. We can also use gift cards from Sam's Club or Wal-Mart and postage stamps.

Larry contacted the Little Debbie Store in Gentry, AR several weeks ago to see if they could donate enough single serve items to supply all the prisons in Arkansas. We would need around 20,500 items and they have responded that they hope to be able to give us the quantity we need. Last year, they were not able to do this, so we had to pay for some of the items we picked up. We bought a large enclosed trailer back in the spring that he plans on using to go to Gentry to pick up the donated items. In years past, we have rented a U-Haul to make the trip so having the trailer will keep from having that expense. We can also use the trailer to pick up and store other Christmas Behind Bars items like 8000 ramen noodles, hot cocoa, etc. so maybe our house won't look so much like the prison commissary this year!

We have said this before, but Christmas can be a depressing time for those in prison. It is our hope that the Christmas sacks and Christmas cards the inmates receive will lift their spirits and let them know they have not been forgotten. It is a busy time for us, especially for Larry as he figures out how many items we need for each prison we support and the best place to get the most for our money.

We hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas season. We are so thankful for your prayers and financial support.

Love and Peace,

Larry & Kathy