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“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me.’” Isaiah 6:8

We are dedicating our September newsletter to our dear friend Brother Bert who passed away on July 7. Brother Bert was one of a kind. He never met a stranger and anyone who met him knew within a few minutes that he loved the Lord. When Larry talked to him at Daytona Bike Week in March, he had come up with a new saying ‘you can either be an aquarium watcher or a fisher of men’. Brother Bert was definitely a fisher of men, what about you?

Larry and our pastor attended a three-day seminar on healing in Rogers, AR in July. Curry Blake, who took over John G. Lake’s healing ministry, hosted the seminar. Larry also ministered at the prison in Malvern and at Texarkana work release center. Bikers IV Jesus had a rodeo/revival at East Arkansas Unit in Brickeys, AR the last weekend of July. This year they would not let us minister on the yard and women team members were not allowed in the barracks. The closer we were to the revival the more calls we got from team members who could not go. Chaplain Wilson had told Larry the revival would go on if he and Larry were the only free world people there. As it turned out Larry, Danny, David and Morrie went. The men at Brickeys did not mind at all. We’ve had several letters from them telling us how much they enjoyed the weekend.

We left for Sturgis the evening of August 6 and got to the Buffalo Chip Campground the next afternoon. We rode through a little rain and saw some awesome lightning in Gainesville, TX. This was the 70th anniversary of the Sturgis rally and they estimate 500,000 people were there. There were a total of twenty-six of us who helped the Sons of Light with their pancake breakfast this year. They don’t keep track of how many people were served during the rally but we went through 960 lbs. of pancake mix, 60 gallons of syrup and 56 lbs. of coffee.

Brother Bert used to have Sunday services and minister at one of the biggest bars in downtown Sturgis; One Eyed Jack’s Saloon. After we got the news that he had passed away, we called the owner of the bar to see if we could have a service there the first Sunday of the rally and he said we could. Larry, Ohio Terry, Horse, Ray and I were there along with Richard and Gina Headrick and several of the Hellfighters. We handed out Bibles, cross pennies, earrings, and tracts before and after the service. We met Teresa who told us she had been saved because of Brother Bert’s ministry at the bar. Larry stood on an inside stairway with a microphone and read a few paragraphs from a book that Brother Bert was writing about his life experiences. He told the crowd that we knew Brother Bert was in heaven, that we would see him again and that they could see him again too if they were saved. Towards the end of the service one of the Hellfighters explained how to be saved. The bar was open during the service, so it was noisy and alcohol and food was being served. We don’t know how many people were in the bar but if they were listening they heard the plan of salvation. The owner of the bar has agreed to let us have Sunday services as long as he owns the bar so we’re looking forward to this new opportunity.

Larry officiated at two weddings during the rally. He talked to both couples ahead of time and stressed the importance of having the Lord at the center of their marriage. Lail and Laura had been high school sweethearts but ended up marrying someone else. Laura said she had been hurt

by people in the church. Loren and Melissa professed to be Christians but had not been going to church. They wanted to get married at the park in Sturgis so we met them there on Monday afternoon. A few days later, Loren rededicated his life to the Lord at the free bike wash. While we were still at the park, a woman asked Larry if he would marry her and her fiancée if their preacher didn't show up. He told her he would. Their preacher showed up but they asked us to be their witnesses. After their ceremony Dyane told me she was saved and had been baptized but has a problem with drugs. She had just moved in between two churches so I encouraged her to visit them or other churches and find a church home. Later that week, she and Jim stopped by to eat pancakes and we talked again. Dyane's fourteen-year old daughter had been taken away from her because of her addiction. I asked if she had tried a drug rehab program. She said she had and she could recite their creeds backwards and forwards but they didn't work. I asked if she knew who could help and her answer was that Jesus could. I told her the reason I suggested a program was so she might find other people who lived close that she could call if she got in a bind. She looked at me and said 'that would be you, I'll call you'. She has our phone number and knows she can call any time but we have not heard from her.

Friday afternoon we went to the Sturgis Nursing Home. This was our fourth year to have a service there and we had the biggest turnout we have ever had. We found out that two of the ladies who always came to the service had passed away since our last visit. The residents picked out hymns to sing and then Jenny from JC and Us Ministries shared the Gospel with her puppet Randy. Randy also sang "Jesus Loves Me" that had been rewritten for older folks which the residents enjoyed. Blind Bart did a great job sharing his testimony and letting the residents know that they can't make it on their own, they need Jesus and they need Christian friends.

Our normal routine during bike week is to help with the pancake breakfast from 7AM-11AM. Once we are finished there, we go into town to do street ministry. There were several ministries set up during the rally and many of them offered us a place to rest, a bottle of water or a meal. It reminded me of how people took in the disciples as they traveled around and shared the Gospel. Can you imagine what the body of Christ could accomplish if we all came together, worked together and helped each other?

We want to thank everyone who helped fund our trip and those who helped assemble the cross earrings. We gave away \$40 worth of cross pennies and 1,000 pair of earrings. Hellfighters donated the postcards that we sent to 51 inmates. The cards had a photo of the huge white cross at their Mission At The Cross in Sturgis. We got back home the evening of August 15 during a heavy thunderstorm. We didn't know until the following day that high winds from that same storm damaged some buildings near Hope. Thank God for protecting us.

The following Saturday we went to Little Rock for Dewey and Susan Magar's wedding. We met Dewey when he was in prison about 10 years ago so being able to go to his wedding was a blessing. We were scheduled to have a rodeo/revival at the Delta Unit in Dermott, AR this month but it was cancelled because of safety concerns at the prison.

We don't have any more prison rodeo/revivals scheduled for this year but there are several motorcycle rallies coming up this fall that we plan to attend. It hardly seems possible but we'll be going on toy runs and working on Christmas sacks before long. Time passes slowly for the men we minister to in the prisons but we never seem to have enough time to get everything done. We appreciate your prayers and financial support. Your love offerings will help us continue to share the Gospel wherever God sends us.

In Christ's Love,

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