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“Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love”. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

I started writing this on Labor Day weekend. Looking back at the newsletter from last September we are facing some of the same conditions; drought, wildfires, hurricanes. In these days more than ever, we need to be on guard and keep our eyes on Jesus. Remember to pray for our nation, our leaders and the elections coming up in November.

During July, Larry ministered at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR two days, made a visit to the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR and ministered at Dept. of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR three times. The ministry to the parole violators in Texarkana, AR is going well. There are usually a dozen men that come to the Bible study on Monday and Thursday nights. A young man we met over ten years ago at Varner prison is currently in the group. He will be going home later this month. Kathy has been ministering to his wife who just completed several weeks in drug rehab.

To celebrate our 37th wedding anniversary which was June 27th, we decided to go back to Branson, MO where we spent our honeymoon. I think we picked the hottest time of the year to go, July 4-7. Our friends Heavy and Alice Pennington were in Branson with their youth group. The youth had worked hard that week cleaning up some cabins that had been vacant. They invited us to speak to the youth on Friday evening. Larry gave his testimony and we handed out cross pennies and earrings. We encouraged them to keep going out in their communities and telling others about Jesus. One of the young men asked us to pray that his parents would be saved and several said their parents did not attend church. We need to make sure that our young people are grounded in the Word of God so they are not led astray by the things of the world.

Larry, Darryl and I left for Sturgis, SD the evening of August 3. It is usually cooler riding at night but as we made our way up Interstate 35 into Oklahoma and Kansas, it was still in the 80's. We got to the Nebraska state line around 5AM and decided to stop. It was pouring down rain, very windy and we were riding on grooved pavement. We put up Darryl's Bunkhouse camper on the parking lot of a gas station and thought we would get a few hours sleep. The wind was blowing the camper so hard we could not sleep so we were back on the road by 7AM. The rain had stopped and it was cool enough that we put our heated riding gear on. At a gas stop in Nebraska, a young couple asked if they could take a picture of us and our bike. They liked the 'Satan Sucks' sticker on the windshield. The young woman asked us to pray for her cousin Kyle, a single mom battling cancer for the 3rd time; then she prayed with us. It was cool and windy the rest of the way to Sturgis. We got to camp just in time to eat supper. We had talked and prayed about where to stay this year and felt led to stay at Gentle Eagle Campground which is across the road from the Buffalo Chip where we usually stay. Gentle Eagle is owned by a Christian couple, Bob and Chris Yantis and anyone is welcome to camp there. They make everyone feel like family. We were stopped in traffic a couple miles from camp and heard someone yelling at us. It was our friends Mark and Pam Daly from Michigan. We lost contact with them but they were staying at Gentle Eagle so we were able to spend some time with them. Rich from JC and Us Ministries asked Larry to give his testimony during the Sunday morning service at camp. The service was broadcast over the campground's loud speaker so everyone

could hear even if they didn't come to service. Sunday afternoon we went to Hellfighter's Mission at the Cross for a prayer service they have to lift up all those who will be ministering during the rally.

Two of the first people we met at camp were James and Chuck. They live in Canada but are regulars at camp. Larry gave them two Canadian cross pennies that he had with him. James looked at the date on his. He couldn't make out the last digit but the penny was from the seventies so he decided the last number was a six because that was the year he quit drinking. He and Larry had a long talk one morning about some issues James is having with his brother. As we were sitting at a picnic table one evening James told Larry he would like to have a cross earring from a dime like Larry wears. Larry told him if he would work on his cursing that week, he would give him a dime earring. He slipped up a few times but as quick as he did, he corrected himself and he now has his own dime earring. We got to know Chuck too but he was more of the quiet type. One of the regulars at camp told us that Chuck got saved during the rally a few years back. We believe many seeds were planted at the camp during the rally.

On Monday we rode to Rapid City to pick up our blind friend, Craig AKA Bart. He rode behind Darryl back to Buffalo Chip Campground where he was staying. Bart used to ride motorcycles so we asked him if he would like to go 'sight seeing' and he said yes. Wednesday morning, Bart, Darryl, James, Chuck, Larry and I rode to Devil's Tower in Wyoming. We made a couple stops along the way and took lots of pictures for Bart to show his friends. Our last stop was the Free Bike Wash in Sturgis. John Ogden was there so Larry introduced Bart to him. Bart knew that John was with Larry when he gave his life to the Lord. I overheard Bart thanking John for being there for Larry so Larry could in turn help him. Friday afternoon was the annual service at the Sturgis Nursing Center. We sang some old hymns and then everyone introduced themselves to the residents. Leo brought the message for us. His son, Bob and daughter-in-law Chris own Gentle Eagle Campground. Leo brought the message last year too and was a big hit with the residents. He is a very young eighty something! JC and Us Ministries had goodie bags for the residents again. We appreciate everyone who had a part in the service and we know the residents enjoyed it. We left for home the morning of August 11th and got home the 12th. Larry had some trouble with the brake light on the bike on the way to Sturgis. He fixed it and on the way home, we came across a couple having the same trouble with their bike so he was able to fix their bike for them.

We were at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR on August 25. We spent the morning and early afternoon ministering to visitors as they came in. We prayed with several of them and also gave away snow cones. We took the bikes on the yard around 4PM. The men enjoyed watching the bike games and they also got snow cones and popcorn. One of them told us he couldn't remember the last time he had a 'brain freeze'. We didn't have a church service but some of the men in the group shared what was on their heart with the inmates. Our friend Greg was with us for the first time. He was impressed with how appreciative the men were to us. Those men miss the little things that we often take for granted. Melinda, Terrie and Kathy prayed with some of the women who are in the boot camp program. We had a service in the chapel Sunday morning and visited in the barracks after the service.

We plan to attend Bikes, Blues & BBQ in Fayetteville, AR this month and are working on a rodeo/revival at the Maximum Security Unit in Tucker, AR. There are rallies in October along with Larry's regular prison visits. Murphy USA gas stations are giving a .10/gallon discount until December 24 if you use a Walmart gift card. Gasoline prices have gone up again so if you could send us a gift card that would be a big help. We appreciate your support and prayers.

In Christ,

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