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'So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.' 1 Corinthians 15:58

I started writing this on Labor Day and thought this was an appropriate verse. Sometimes we need a reminder that the work we do for the Lord is not useless even if we don't see the results. During July ministered at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR five days and also spent two days at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR and two days at the Maximum Security Unit in Tucker. He also took Angel Tree applications to the Hempstead County Jail in Hope, Miller County Jail in Texarkana and Texarkana Work Release.

We left for Sturgis, SD on Friday evening, August 1. It had rained most of the day but by the time we left the rain had quit. We stopped around 4:30AM at a Wal-Mart in Concordia, KS to try to sleep a few hours. We decided to lie down on a tarp next the camper instead of setting it up. We woke up around 6AM when the sprinkler system came on. What a way to wake up! We never knew Wal-Mart had sprinklers but you can be sure we will look from now on. Later that afternoon we stopped for gas in a small town in Nebraska. Two bikers pulled in right after us and we found out they were from Illinois. We gave them cross pennies and earrings and visited with them awhile. Larry went inside to buy a bag of ice and gave the young lady at the counter a penny and earrings. The station wasn't set up to pay at the pump and we didn't realize it but we left without paying for our gas. The young lady that was working at the counter went to our website, found our phone number and left Larry a message. He called back a couple times and left messages for her. On Monday he got this text message from her 'I have been extra blessed this week and was pressed to pay the \$15 for you. I appreciate what you do in ministry and consider myself blessed for being able to do so. Enjoy your trip and God bless'.

We got to Gentle Eagle Campground in Sturgis around 5PM on Saturday. We ate supper and went back outside to start setting up the camper when someone asked Larry to look at the front tire on the bike. There was a screw stuck in the tire. We don't know when or where we picked up the screw but praise God we didn't have a blow out. Another blessing is that we were on Kathy's bike and it has wheel and tire warranty. So instead of having to pay \$250-300 for a new tire, we rode to the Harley Davidson dealer in Rapid City the next day and they put on a new tire and it didn't cost us a dime.

Sunday August 3rd was Larry's 16th spiritual birthday. Our brother Richard (Rhino) from Hellfighter's asked him to do the morning service at One Eyed Jack's Saloon in Sturgis so that is how we started the day. One Eyed Jack's is the biggest saloon in Sturgis and the service was indoors right next to the bar. Hellfighter's had a praise team that started off the service. Most of the young ladies tending bar wear bikinis or similar attire. I noticed one of them was singing along with the praise team. A man sitting at the bar with a Christian back patch must have asked her if she loved Jesus because I heard her say of course I love Jesus, he loves me. Later on she told Larry she was glad they had the service at the bar so she didn't have to miss church. I also saw a couple men start to walk through the bar area. One of them realized we were getting ready to have church and he told his friend 'they are having church, let's get out of here'. Larry shared some of his testimony and talked about how much better his life is now that he is living for the

Lord. He also encouraged those at the service to read the Bible for themselves and find out what it says, don't take someone else's word for it.

We stopped by Music For The Soul a couple times to check on our friends Don and Rhea Overbey. We also checked on Tommy our vendor friend from Daytona. He has been clean and sober for a couple months and has a sponsor that is trying to help him stay sober. I prayed with a young woman that was working in a vendor tent. I asked her how she was doing and she said she was worried because her mother was in the hospital. I saw her the next day and she said her mom had been released from the hospital. We spent some time with our Canadian friends James and Chuck. It was good to see our brother in Christ Ron Ogren again and hear his testimony about how God raised him from the dead after he was electrocuted. We also met a young Canadian couple at our camp, Marty and Marianne. We told them they were young enough to be our children so we 'adopted' them for the week. They both ride sport bikes and have done a lot of traveling. Larry gave both of them a Hellfighter Bible. Marianne's face lit up when he showed her Romans 10:9-10. She said something like; you mean it is that easy. He encouraged her to read the Bible every day and told her how Proverbs has 31 chapters so you can read one each day of the month. Marty told me he was raised Catholic and jokingly said he didn't pray because his mom and Marianne pray for him.

On Thursday Larry, Darryl and I rode to Rapid City to pick up our blind friend Bart and take him to Golden Corral to eat. Larry walked with him past all the food and told him what they had. After he decided what he wanted, Larry fixed two plates for him and we all sat down to eat. Bart ate everything on both plates. We took him to Sturgis so he could visit with some friends he made at the Free Bike Wash. We enjoyed the fellowship with Bart and we know he was glad to get out of his apartment for a few hours and go for a motorcycle ride. We went to the nursing home in Sturgis Friday afternoon and had a great time there. We sang several songs, had a message and then spent some time visiting with the residents. J.C. and Us Ministries gave knitted hats to the men and knitted head bands to the ladies. While we were there, Sharon from His Laboring Few's Jesus House came in with a young woman that was in tears. We didn't get all the details but Sharon said she needed to find a ride for Victoria and her dog back to Oklahoma. We offered to buy a bus ticket for her but they were hoping to find a Christian couple to take her home and minister to her along the way. We told Victoria that God would work it out and within a few hours He did. We had some friends from Hope that drove to Sturgis in an extended cab pick-up. Chasity and Michael agreed to give Victoria and her dog a ride to Joplin, MO where her mother picked them up. I also talked to a young woman that was camped next to us who came to Sturgis to tend bar and make some extra money. When she got there, the man she was working for had other things in mind so she quit.

We left Sturgis on Saturday morning, August 9th and got home Sunday morning. We checked the weather forecast before we left and decided to take the same route back home. We saw storm clouds, lightning and heard severe weather warnings on the radio but God kept the storms away from us. We gave away \$50 worth of cross pennies, 700 pair of earrings, 700 cross pins and even some Canadian dimes and earrings that Larry punched. We want to thank all of you that helped financially so we could make the trip and also those who prayed for us. I tried to hit the highlights of our trip in this newsletter so you can see what your support does when we are in Sturgis.

We have a rodeo/revival scheduled at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern on September 19-21. The following weekend we plan to go to Bikes, Blues and BBQ in Fayetteville, AR. We appreciate your prayers and support!

Blessings,

Larry & Kathy