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'Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give'. Matthew 10:8

There is so much going on in our country and all over the world. We need to pray but we also need to put action to our prayers. Matthew West has a song entitled 'Do Something'. In a nutshell, the song reflects on all the problems in the world and asks the question 'God, why don't you do something?' God's response is, 'I did; I created you'. We are the hands and feet of God, aren't we?

Larry spent five days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR during July. He also made two visits to Texarkana Work Release Center in Texarkana, AR and he and Darryl Fox had evening Bible study at Department of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR five times. They have been averaging ten men at these bi-weekly Bible studies. During August, Larry spent three days at the Ouachita River Unit and made one visit to Texarkana Work Release. He and Darryl also had Bible study at Dept. of Community Correction six times. Larry also helped The Gideon's distribute Bibles at the Ouachita River Unit on Saturday, August 29. He also attended Governor Hutchinson's Restore Hope Summit on August 25.

We left for Sturgis on Friday, July 31 when I got off work. We planned to ride straight through. We got to York, NE around 6AM Saturday morning and it was storming. We stopped at a truck stop to refuel and decided to take a short nap and see if the storm passed. We talked to a truck driver who said he was a Christian biker. He told us any time he sees bikers out on the highways, he prays for them. We gave him some cross pennies and decided to put our rain gear on and get back on the road. At our next stop, we had the opportunity to talk to a couple police officers and gave them pennies and earrings. Just inside the South Dakota border, we saw a group of bikes pulled off the road. Larry noticed one of the bikes was an old Shovelhead so we turned around and went back to see if they needed help. They had everything under control but they told us we were only the fourth people that had stopped in two hours. The man riding the Shovelhead told us that he gave his life to the Lord in 1983 at Eureka Springs, AR. We made it to Bart's apartment in Rapid City late in the afternoon.

Sunday morning, Darryl met us at Bart's and we rode to Sturgis for the service at One Eyed Jack's Saloon. Hellfighter's had a praise team there and one of their members from Alabama brought the message. They closed the service by singing 'Jesus Loves Me' in memory of Brother Bert. Bro. Bert ministered at the saloon for many years and every night when they closed, he prayed with the employees and they sang 'Jesus Loves Me'. I had the opportunity to pray with Suzanne, a lady I met after the service who told me she needed a miracle. She was staying at Hellfighter's Mission At The Cross and needed a ride to Montana. Sunday afternoon, we went to the commissioning service at the Mission At The Cross. They have this service each year on the first Sunday of the rally to bring the ministries together and have corporate prayer for the upcoming week. Larry was honored when they asked him to lead the prayer for this service. Sunday evening Larry, Bart, Darryl and I ate supper and fellowshiped with John and Becky Ogden and Jerod McPherson.

Staying with Bart gave us the opportunity to help him out with a few things. He had bought a used washer but didn't have it hooked up yet. We bought the hoses and Larry and Darryl hooked it up and made sure it worked. His old boom box was about shot so we bought him a new one. He keeps up with current events and likes to listen to ball games on the radio. Bart loves to talk to people but when you think about how much time he spends alone in his apartment, who wouldn't? We rode to Deadwood Tuesday morning. A group of Motor Maids were meeting in Deadwood that morning and I got to meet a couple new Motor Maid sisters. Bart was born in Deadwood but hadn't been there in over 20 years. We struck up a conversation with an older gentleman sitting on a bench. He said if we wanted to walk around town, Bart could stay there with him. While I was sitting on a bench, a young lady asked if she could sit down next to me. She had jet black hair, and had on black lipstick and black nail polish. She told me she designed jewelry and had a booth down the street. I gave her a cross penny and earrings and she said she thought the earrings were pretty cool. On Wednesday, we went to 'the club' as Bart calls it so he could introduce us to some of his friends. This is where he attends AA meetings. He surprised Larry that evening with a 17 year coin that he bought in honor of Larry's 17 years of being clean and sober on August 3rd. We had been having trouble starting the bike at times and Larry asked a Christian brother that owns a dealership if he thought it was the battery or something else. He said it sounded like the battery and asked if Larry knew what a 'Pentecostal handshake' was. He shook Larry's hand and gave him exactly enough cash to buy a new battery.

We also made stops during the week at Music For The Soul, the Free Bike Wash and the Jesus House. We hand out a lot of cross pennies and earrings on the streets but we also supply these three ministries with pennies and earrings during the rally. We mailed forty post cards to prisoners. On Thursday, we rode to Hulett, WY and then back to Sturgis. We put 3,300 miles on the bike round trip. Although Darryl didn't ride out or back with us, we appreciated him being Bart's 'chauffeur' for the week. Friday was our annual visit to Sturgis Regional Senior Care Center. Rich and Jenny from J.C. and Us Ministries couldn't be there this year but they had hand knitted hats and headbands for the residents. Catfish and Angel Fish from Sons of God Ministry were there; also Tony Loeffler and some of his band members. We sang some of the resident's favorite old hymns. Ron Ogren gave a devotional about the parable of the vineyard workers. He told the residents no matter how old you are when you give your life to the Lord, the reward is the same. Eddie who was part of Tony's group played the saxophone. Larry noticed that many of the resident's eyes lit up when they heard the saxophone so he asked Eddie to keep playing. He played a lot of old big band songs. One resident who is 101 years old took the hand of the activity director and said she wanted to jitterbug so they did. Several of them were singing along, clapping and having a great time. They brought in a birthday cake for one lady so we sang happy birthday to her. We didn't know at the time but Lawrence Welk was from North Dakota and many of the residents had seen him in person. The activity director said the music was amazing and she was thankful for everyone that came. We invited several people to come with us but honestly didn't know who would be there that day but God knew and used all of us to encourage the residents. This was a great way to wrap up the week. We left Bart's house Saturday morning and got home Sunday morning around 7:30AM. A big thank you goes out to everyone who supported our trip with finances and prayers!

September looks to be a busy month for us. The Hot Springs Rally is Sept. 11-13. Happy Jack Burbridge always did the invocation before the Saturday evening concert and had the Sunday morning service. Carolyn contacted the coordinator of the rally, told them about Larry and our ministry so they asked Larry to do both this year. The following weekend we are scheduled to be at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR for a rodeo/revival. We plan to go to Bikes, Blues and BBQ in Fayetteville, AR the last weekend of the month.

Blessings and Peace,

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