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‘If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.’ 2 Chronicles 7:14

I am writing this on September 11; a day that none of us will ever forget. I was driving to work when I heard the news on the radio. The verse above immediately came to my mind. Our country seemed to come together as a nation after this tragedy but look at where we are today. The elections in November are so important. Don’t believe everything the mainstream media puts out there. Take the time to research the candidates and then vote. I believe the future of our nation is at stake.

Larry and Darryl Fox left for Sturgis the evening of August 4. They got a late start because Larry had to drive to Texarkana to put the spare tire on our car. As I was driving home from work, I ran over something in the road and the right rear tire was ruined. I sure hated to call him when it happened but maybe the delay was for a reason. When they stopped near the Nebraska state line, they met a couple from Abilene, TX who minister at the prison in Abilene. We’ve got a brother in Christ serving life there so we’re hoping they can make contact with him. They made it to our friend Bart’s apartment in Rapid City, SD the next evening. They ordered pizza and spent the night there. We know Bart enjoyed the company and the pizza! They took Bart to several places during the week. Bart enjoys visiting with a lady named Susan who is usually at the free bike wash. Susan has had problems with her eyesight so she and Bart have something in common. One morning Larry went to Hardees not far from Bart’s apartment to get breakfast. There was a group of men sitting together and Larry asked them if they were solving the world’s problems. They told him they meet there for Bible study on a regular basis. He gave them some cross pennies and flag pins.

Larry and Darryl stayed at Gentle Eagle Campground this year. Bob and Chris have a great place there. You can’t beat the price at \$15 per day to camp and that includes breakfast and supper. Sunday morning, they went to the service at One Eyed Jack’s Saloon on Main Street in Sturgis. It still seems strange to go in there and not see our friend Brother Bert. We’re glad to be a part of continuing the ministry he had at the saloon. That afternoon, they went to the commissioning ceremony at the Hellfighter’s Mission at the Cross. This is something they do every year to bring all the ministries together to pray and fellowship. They also checked in on our friends Don and Rhea Overbey who set up their Music For The Soul ministry at the rally. They have a house on Main Street in Sturgis and set up in the front yard. Anyone walking by can hear the music and pick up free CD’s. They feed the musicians during the rally and Darryl blessed them with some Hope watermelons.

On Tuesday, Larry and Darryl volunteered to work at the free oil change that is set up at the same church where the free bike wash sets up. Vreeland’s Harley Davidson from Bloomsburg, PA has done the free oil change for several years. You bring your oil and filter and they do the oil change. These days it is hard to find something that is truly free but the folks at the oil change and bike wash will not take any money for the service they provide.

Earlier in the week, Larry was at Wal-Mart in Rapid City and met Dave and his wife Robin.

They saw the 'Jesus Freak' in big white letters on his windshield and struck up a conversation with him. Dave works at KSLT, a Christian radio station in Rapid City. He and Jamie are co-hosts on the morning show. Dave invited Larry to be their guest on the Thursday morning show. Larry shared his testimony and talked about our prison ministry and what we do at the bike rallies. I listened to the broadcast and thought he did a great job. They asked him some questions about his past and he answered but he doesn't like to dwell on that. We believe it is more important to focus on what God has done since his salvation. They were supposed to send us an MP3 of the interview. We checked on it several days later and they said the system they use to record their shows had not been working for several weeks so we won't get a copy of the interview. They told us to stay in touch and mentioned possibly doing another interview next year.

Friday afternoon was the annual visit to the Sturgis Nursing Center. Larry, Darryl, Rich, Jenny, Horse, Rocket, Ron and Tom went this year. Rocket played the piano and they sang a few hymns. Rich and Jenny had teddy bears for the residents. I looked back to see how long we have been going there and this was our 10th year. I still remember riding down the street back in 2007 and seeing all those people lined up on the sidewalk, many in their wheelchairs, waving to us. We made a u-turn and went back to give them cross pennies and visit with them. We got a thank you note from a woman whose mother lives at the nursing center. She said her mother is not easily impressed but her mother and her mother's roommate couldn't say enough good about our group. She said it didn't only make their day; it made their week. We always enjoy our visits there and are thankful for the opportunity to brighten their day and share the love of Christ with them. Larry and Darryl left Sturgis on Saturday August 13 and got home the following afternoon. We're thankful for all the prayers on their behalf during this week.

Larry and I and Gary Wise attended 'The Gathering' in Little Rock on August 27. The meeting was for ADC chaplains and volunteers. They introduced several new chaplains and talked about how important the volunteers are. Larry has been a volunteer since 1999. The last couple months, he has been spending three days a week at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern. They have two new chaplains at the unit; one being the senior chaplain. The new chaplains are making some changes to the programs that will benefit the men. Change can be difficult but we believe this change will be for the good and will help the men in their spiritual walk. Walking out the prison doors into the free world is a big change for the men who are fortunate enough to go home. We talked to two men yesterday that we met in prison who are home now. Both of them are living for the Lord and doing well. One of them had told us the stories of how hard it is for an ex-felon to find a job were not true in his case. It is a blessing to see men like these two get out and lead a successful life. Larry always makes at least one visit a week to the intake barracks at Malvern. It is sad to see the men that go home and come back. And I think what is even more sad for us are the men that have been in prison 30, 40 and even 50 years that may never have a chance to go home. Some of them made one foolish mistake when they were teenagers and are serving life in prison.

On September 10 we went to the Hot Springs Rally in Hot Springs, AR. We worked at the table outside the entrance to the vendor mall. This coming weekend will be the 2nd Annual Happy Jack Burbridge Rodeo/Revival at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern. We're looking forward to taking a group in to minister in the barracks and will be out on the yard with the motorcycles on Saturday. The following weekend we plan to attend the Bikes, Blues and BBQ Rally in Fayetteville, AR. We may have a couple rallies in October and then it will be time to start on the Christmas sack outreach. God bless all of you! We appreciate your faithful support and your prayers.

Love,

Larry & Kathy