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'Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends'. John 15:13

This seemed like an appropriate verse for our May newsletter. Memorial Day is eight days away and in three days Larry and our brother-in-Christ Darryl Fox will be leaving for Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC. The rally begins on Friday May 25 and runs through Memorial Day. This is a huge rally. Groups of bikers from all over the United States make this run every year to show their support for our Vietnam veterans and many of these bikers are Vietnam vets. Darryl served in the military and Larry has been around motorcycles all his life. They are taking Hellfighter Bibles and tracts, cross pennies and over 1,000 patriotic cross pins to the rally. We would ask you to agree with us in prayer for safety as they travel and during the rally. We thank God for divine appointments and for giving them the words to say as they minister to these Vietnam veterans. God bless our veterans!

Darryl continues to have Bible studies for the men at Arkansas Community Corrections in Texarkana, AR on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We are thankful for Darryl and his faithfulness to these men. He told us a few months back that the unit was having a banquet to honor the volunteers and he planned on attending. The banquet was on a night that he normally does Bible study and when he got there, he felt led to have the Bible study instead of going to the banquet. Only one of the inmates came to the Bible study so he ministered to him one on one.

During April, Larry ministered at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR seven days. He spends part of the time on those days going to the intake barracks where men just coming into the prison system are housed. He usually takes a couple of the inmates that work in the chapel with him and they hand out reading material and talk to the men. The heartbreaking part of this happens when Larry finds a man in intake that had gone home and it happens more often than we would like. Sometimes we see someone go home and he may have all the support in the world but a few months later, he is back in prison. We do not know who will make it or who will not but we do know that if they have a good foundation in Jesus Christ and support from their family or other Christians, they have a lot better chance of not going back. Larry has told me that sometimes the inmates who are helping him tell him he was hard or tough on some of the men he talks to. Yes, they need to know that God loves them but they also need to realize that when they make bad choices, they are not the only ones that suffer the consequences. Their spouses, children, and parents suffer to. Sometimes Larry must return phone calls to family members. He has talked to several mothers who are praying for their sons, praying they will make a change. Some of them ask Larry if he will talk to their son and he does but all he can do is plant the seed and hope that it falls on good ground.

Larry also attended a breakfast at Omega House on April 23. Omega House is part of the Arkansas Community Corrections. They house men who commit parole violations, usually for 90-180 days. I also attended a Motor Maid event on April 21 at Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, AR. The plan was for Larry to ride over later in the day and join us for supper. Plans changed when some storms started moving in mid-afternoon so I rode home early in the dry praise God. The next Motor Maid event we plan to attend will be the convention on July 10-12 in Montgomery, AL. We hope to attend the grand opening for the Hellfighters USA project in Laurel, MS on our way to convention.

This month, Larry has spent four days at the Ouachita River Unit. He also took the new In Touch devotional books to Texarkana Work Release. On May 7, he went to the Ouachita Unit to pick up Mother's Day cards for the three hundred plus Arkansas inmates currently housed at the Bowie County Jail in Texarkana, TX. Then he took the cards to Bowie County Jail. He had hoped to spend some time in each of the cellblocks with the men but they did not allow him to do that. He spoke to the chaplain there about coming in on a regular basis so keep that in your prayers. Larry knows several of the men who are locked up there and we are just thirty minutes away so we hope this will work out.

Larry has also spent several hours punching pennies the last few weeks. It takes him ninety minutes to punch \$30 worth. For some reason, the cross penny 'business' which is really more of a ministry has picked up recently. We have several ministries and people who contact us regularly and we try to keep a supply on hand for them. A couple weeks ago, a brother in Christ in North Carolina called to place an order. It seems a woman at a church used these cross pennies as her ministry. She had one of those motorized scooters to get around with and she would go to Walmart and hand out cross pennies. She passed away and they found a small bag of cross pennies at her house. Three other people that attended her church spoke up and said they wanted to continue her ministry so we made sure they could do that. The cross penny is a good way to start a conversation about Jesus and most people will take the penny from you. We usually hand the penny to them and tell them to put it on their key ring as a reminder that God is with them wherever they go. I can remember very few times that people have refused to take one. We gave pennies to two little girls at the Last Resort Bar in Port Orange, FL several years ago. They were excited to get the pennies. Shortly after that, their grandfather, who owned the Last Resort, approached us. He said we should not have given them the pennies and told them Jesus died on the cross for them. He told us they were upset and crying. We did a little investigating and another family member told us the pennies probably convicted him. They said he was brought up in church but he did not attend church now and was not taking the girls to church.

We were scheduled to have a rodeo/revival at the Delta Unit in Dermott, AR this weekend, May 18-20. After checking availability at motels in the area, we had to reschedule for June 8-10. It seems a crawfish festival and fishing tournament had every motel full within thirty or forty miles of Dermott. We have had some exciting experiences at the Delta Unit like the time the staff cut our Friday evening service short because tornado sirens were going off. Several of us left our bikes at the prison and the chaplain's wife took a bunch of the women back to the motel in her car. I will never forget Jeanne Finigan saying on the ride to the motel that she had never seen a tornado and it might be fun to see one! Or, the time a fight broke out after Saturday morning yard call and we spent all afternoon in the officer's dining hall while the unit was on lock down. Thank God, we did not see a tornado and no one was seriously hurt in the fight on the yard. We are looking forward to spending the weekend with the men at the Delta Unit.

Larry would probably tell you that he is not a 'preacher' but he is not afraid to tell anyone he meets about Jesus and what Jesus has done in his life. Maybe he is tough on the men in the intake barracks. Hearing the truth hurts sometimes. He is very straightforward and does not sugarcoat anything. John 8:32 says 'Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free'. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and the only way to true freedom!

As I wrap this up, we would like to say how much we appreciate your prayers and financial support. Both are so important to this ministry.

Blessings,

Larry & Kathy