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'It is a good and delightful thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High'. Psalm 92:1

I have noticed some of our friends on social media are posting what they are thankful for each day during November. If we are honest with ourselves, we probably fall short in giving thanks not only to God but to our family and friends. Let's be thankful every day for all the blessings God has given us.

We've been busy the last two months. The weather is cooler and leaves are turning, but it doesn't seem like it should be November already. During September and October, Larry ministered to the parole violators at Dept. of Community Correction in Texarkana, AR four times and made two visits to Texarkana Work Release. He spent seven days ministering at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR. He made a trip to the Pike County Jail in Murfreesboro, AR to give a Bible to Jeff Ford, a young man we met at the Varner Unit over ten years ago. He may be going back to prison so keep him and his family in your prayers.

On Saturday, September 7 we rode to Hot Springs, AR for the Hot Springs Bike Rally. We spent some time in the convention center and then we went downtown to Bathhouse Row to the antique bike show. It was hot that day so we sat down on a concrete wall in the shade. We talked to a woman from Tennessee for awhile; gave her cross pennies and earrings and then walked around the bike show. The next time we decided to sit down, we sat next to a man who was probably in his late 60's. We struck up a conversation with him. His name was Tommy and he told us he rode motorcycles in his younger days but his wife doesn't want him to have a motorcycle. He lives in Hot Springs and enjoys spending time on the lake and fishing. He pointed out his church just a few blocks away. We told him about our ministry and how Larry rode with an outlaw club and that we spent some time on the run. He told us about some of the things he did growing up. We gave him a couple cross pennies and a pair of earrings for his wife. When we left, he thanked us for talking to him and said we really lifted his spirits. When we left our house that morning, I wondered what opportunities we would have to minister and consider it a blessing that we met Tommy. We ate supper that evening with Happy Jack and Carolyn Burbridge. We used to minister quite a bit with them and don't see them often any more so this was a good way to end the day.

The following Saturday, Larry and I and our friends Wayne and JoAnn Withem spent the day at women's prison in Pine Bluff. There were several other ministries there. We spent most of the day on the yard talking to the women, playing bike games, some people sang or shared their testimonies. A man Larry met in prison had told us his girlfriend was there and he wanted us to be sure to talk to her. He told us she was an alcoholic. We talked to her along with a lot of other women. She is home now and he says she is doing well and appreciated us taking the time to talk to her. We gave away several Hellfighter tracts and a case of Hellfighter Bibles. Danny Knick brought the message at the evening service. Danny gave the women several verses to help them understand how God sees them after they are saved. We believe if they can come to understand who they are in Christ Jesus, they will not go back to prison. The following Thursday, Larry left for Fayetteville, AR for the Bikes, Blues and BBQ Rally. We usually stay at our friend Chip's house and were concerned when we couldn't reach him by phone. We found

a phone number for his son and he told us Chip was in jail but he didn't see any reason that Larry couldn't put the camper in Chip's yard. Larry was up early on Friday and Saturday morning so he could get our usual spot on Dickson Street in front of George's Majestic Lounge. He put a small table next to his bike and made sure it had plenty of cross pennies, earrings, tracts and Hellfighter Bibles for anyone that wanted them. He said it got pretty crazy late Saturday night with all the bikes going up and down Dickson Street. The next Saturday we spent the day at the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, AR. Freedom Within Ministries from Fort Smith, AR was there to serve lunch to all the men and the staff. They had BBQ brisket, baked beans and ice cream. They were set up on the yard and some of their team members sang and shared testimonies. We helped take food to the men who were in the prison hospital and not able to go out on the yard. I had the opportunity to pray with a young woman who had just been transferred to the hospital the day before. They have the Paws in Prison program there so several of the men had their dogs out on the yard with them. This is a great program that rescues dogs that might otherwise be euthanized at a shelter and gives the men the opportunity to train and take care of these dogs.

The following weekend we went to the Jester III Unit in Richmond, TX for a revival. We went there last spring with Worldwide Voice in the Wilderness ministry and had the opportunity to go again. This is a medical unit so there are men confined to wheelchairs and some battling serious illnesses. They have a chapel building now so the Friday night service was in the chapel. They had a good turn-out and some of the men remembered us from last year. Larry and another biker rode their bikes through the hallway Saturday morning as a 'wake-up' call to come out on the yard. The men looked at the bikes then some of the team members gave their testimonies or sang. Several men raised their hands during the altar call to receive salvation. The following Saturday we rode to Jefferson, TX for the Boo Run. The run raises funds that are sent to the Shriner's Children's Burn Hospital in Galveston, TX. It was a cloudy, humid day for October but they had a big turn-out. We parked our bikes across from Auntie Skinner's which is a bar that attracts a lot of bikers during the run. We set out the cross pennies, earrings, tracts and Hellfighter Bibles. It's funny to watch people's reactions when they walk in front of the bikes and see 'Satan Sucks' and 'Jesus Freak' on the windshields; some laugh, some just smile and walk on by. We never know when just mentioning the name of Jesus or giving someone the penny with the cross cut out will make them think about their relationship with Jesus. The next Saturday we rode to the Swamprider's clubhouse in Prescott, AR for a benefit they had for Arkansas Children's Hospital.

This year has gone by quickly. Some of the chaplains have contacted us to ask if we will be able to buy items for Christmas sacks this year. We try to set aside money during the year to help with this outreach but we couldn't do it without your help. We know that things are tight. One organization that gave a pair of socks to every inmate in the Arkansas prisons in years past notified the chaplains they won't be able to buy socks for every inmate this year. As children, we all made our list of things we wanted; maybe the latest toy or new clothes. Many of these men would be thrilled to get a Christmas card from a family member that they haven't heard from since they went to prison. There are some who would be happy with a bar of soap or a pair of socks. Christmas can be a tough time. When Larry was in prison I struggled with going home to spend Christmas with my family or visiting him. Some of the families that want to visit can't because of the cost of gas. I'm saying all this to ask, can you help us make Christmas a little brighter for these men? Let them know they aren't forgotten and that God knows where they are and what they are going through. We're planning to buy Ramen noodles, cheese crackers, hot cocoa, and peppermint candy. We look for the best price possible so whatever you can give will help. And if you have helped us in the past with the Christmas sacks, thank you! We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Blessings,

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