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'Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For his mercy endures forever.' Psalm 107:1

Where has the year gone? We are three weeks away from Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it. We've been busy the last couple months so I will try to hit the highlights on these two pages. Larry attended Governor Hutchinson's Restore Hope Summit on August 25. He had the chance to talk to several people and share his ideas about helping prisoners re-enter society. It would be wonderful if ministries and the local churches would work together to help these men and women after they are released from prison.

September 11-13 was the Hot Springs Rally in Hot Springs, AR. I rode my bike and Larry hauled our two old bikes in the van. We put the old bikes in a show on Saturday morning and then went to the Convention Center to work a few hours. Before the concert on Saturday night, they have the closing ceremony where they roll out a huge American flag and honor the military. Happy Jack Burbridge always did the invocation before the ceremony. Mama Carolyn contacted the rally organizers and asked if Larry could do it this year and they agreed. It was a very moving ceremony and Larry did a wonderful job. Mama Carolyn, her son Vern and his family and Dennis & Carolyn Ballinger who are part of the From Crime to Christ Ministry team were with us for the weekend. The fellowship was sweet and we know that Happy Jack would have been proud. Larry also did the Sunday morning service at the Convention Center that Jack always did. Larry shared his testimony and talked about the prison ministry. There weren't many people there but we felt like God had the people there that needed to be there. Larry asked for prayer requests and a couple from Oklahoma asked for prayer for their grandson who needs salvation. Another young woman asked for prayer for her cousin who was in jail awaiting sentencing. We 'camped' in our van on the parking lot not far from the Convention Center. As we were loading up after the Sunday service a woman approached me and struck up a conversation. She said she had been abused by her alcoholic parents when she was growing up. She struggled with addictions but has been clean and sober several years. Her brother took his own life and she attempted to take her life several times. I asked about her relationship with God and she said she was a Christian and has a relationship with God. She asked if I had ever heard of the Circle of Miracles teaching and I told her I had not. She claims to have found peace with herself and with God through this teaching. Larry offered to give her a Bible but she refused and said she wouldn't read it. It made us wonder about the 'god' she puts her trust in.... We decided to eat at the Cracker Barrel in Arkadelphia on our way home since we had a gift card. As we were eating, the man at the table next to us asked if there had been any trouble at the rally. He and his wife were from Joshua, TX and had seen the news about the shooting in Waco. Larry told them there weren't any problems and shared a little about our ministry. He gave them cross pennies and earrings and they thanked us and said they were believers too. They finished eating and left. Not long after that, our waiter came to our table and told us they had paid for our meal.

The following weekend was the Bikers IV Jesus rodeo/revival at the prison in Malvern, AR. Larry took a group in to visit the barracks on Friday afternoon and several more team members came in for the evening chapel service. Michael Doty who did 12 years in ADC shared with the men Friday night. He shared his testimony and encouraged the men to quit playing games with God. We spent part of the day Saturday out on the yard and also ministered in the barracks. Gary Wise brought the message Saturday night. Gary did time at Malvern and was released last

year. He told them that 'Jesus Christ works' and Jesus set him free from a 23 year addiction to meth. Many of those men knew Gary and his message definitely made an impact on them. Sunday morning our pastor Paul Shelton brought the message about how to overcome discouragement. Many of the men came forward at the altar calls that weekend and three men were saved. We had the opportunity to talk to and pray with a lot of men over the weekend. We appreciate all of our team members who came that weekend. We couldn't have done it without you!

The next week, we left on Wednesday evening for Bikes, Blues and BBQ in Fayetteville, AR. We hauled the two old bikes in the van and Larry rode my bike so we would be able to put the rack on the back with Bibles, tracts, cross pennies and earrings. We parked the bikes on Dickson Street and as Larry told someone, the old Harleys were our 'bait'. People stopped to look at them or ask questions and that was our chance to mention the name of Jesus in the conversation. Larry shared his testimony with a young man at a root beer stand one afternoon. I talked to a young lady who was interviewing Christian groups at the rally for her social media class. We had a good conversation with a couple men when we rode the old train Friday afternoon. As we were walking around the vendor area Friday, we stopped to talk to a young man that had a booth advertising truck driving jobs. It turned out he had done time at DCC in Texarkana and remembered Larry. He works for a trucking company in Kansas now and said that the company will hire men who are ex-felons. Later that day, another young man that had been at the Tucker Unit in Tucker, AR talked to us for a long time. We love to hear success stories like these! The Baptist Church on Dickson Street offers a free breakfast on Saturday so we went there to eat. A couple who appeared to be about our age sat down at our table. We talked while we ate and gave them pennies and earrings. The lady whose name was Diane came in the restroom as I was washing my hands and began to cry and tell me about her health problems. I prayed with her and we saw them again later that afternoon and Larry told her how God had healed him of kidney stones. Late Saturday night Larry spent over an hour talking to a couple men that had old Harleys. One of them said he was a lay preacher but he hadn't been living the way he should. We were at the rally for three days and went through 2 cases of Hellfighter Bibles, \$20 worth of cross pennies, 600 pair of earrings, several hundred patriotic cross pins and tracts.

The weekend of October 16-18 we went to the KIB Rally in Idabel, OK. We walked around Friday evening and talked to some of the vendors. When we mentioned prison ministry to one of them, he said he had done time and it probably saved his life. He had served in the military, came home and in his words was 'living in the bottle' until he ended up in prison. I spent a long time Saturday afternoon listening to a young lady share what was on her heart about motorcycle ministry. Larry won an Italian cream cake late Saturday afternoon and we were trying to decide what to do with it. After supper, we shared it with some of the vendors who were very appreciative. We've been going to this rally for several years and always enjoy the fellowship we have while we are there.

We will start buying items for the prisoner's Christmas sacks very soon. Christmas is a tough time for men and women in prison. Many of the prisoners never get a visit from their family and calling home is expensive. The Christmas sacks are a way of showing them that they have not been forgotten. Something as simple as a packet of hot cocoa or a package of Ramen noodles can lift their spirits. We set aside money during the year for this outreach but we couldn't do it without your support. Because of your help and generosity we supported eight prisons and our county jail last year. Can we count on your help this year? We will also be mailing a lot of Christmas cards so if you want to donate stamps, we can always use them too. We hope that you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas season.

Blessings and Peace,

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