

April 5, 2002

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I know it has been a long time since we wrote a newsletter, but I hope it hasn't been out-of-sight, out-of mind! We have remembered you all and prayed for you. We have been very busy about the Father's business.

First I should tell you about Larry's trip to the Seri Indians in old Mexico, the whole month of February. He took along our 19 year old, grandson, Israel. Israel feels called of God to begin his own ministry and wanted to take some discipling trips with his Paw Paw. He has been raised on the mission field with our oldest daughter Valerie, and her husband Pete Bailey and their eight children. Now he's stepping out on his own and Larry was privileged to have him along on this trip.

As soon as they crossed the border Larry became extremely ill with a virus that turned into pneumonia. They had to stay out of the Indian villages for fear of exposing them to that virus. But, the Lord led Larry to a pharmacy with a doctor and he was able to get some medicine to help him get the phlegm out of his chest and heal him. After three days he felt well enough to go into the villages only to find that the same virus had already reached the Indians. There were three people on their death beds when he arrived and he was able to not only pray for them but to share the same medicine he had taken and they were all three raised up. Hallelujah! Now, we know that God can heal without medicine and have seen many very miraculous healings happen that way, but we're not going to limit God and the way He wants to heal. We believe He also uses medicine and in this case that's just what He did. All glory to God!!

The Indians told Larry that they had been going through a very trying time because of the weather. They couldn't take their boats out to catch fish because of the high winds and stormy times. As a result they had no money and very little food. They said they had made a pilgrimage out to Montana de Lorenzo where many of them had watched the Jesus film and gotten saved 12 years ago. They always go out there to pray to God to send Larry back to them when they are in a time of need and they had prayed for him to come back this time too, so they were not surprised when he showed up in the village shortly afterwards. Isn't the Holy Spirit wonderful? They don't even have electricity in their villages, and certainly don't have telephones, but they don't need them when they have such great trust in the Lord by the leadership of the Holy Spirit! Larry and Israel immediately went fishing from shore and caught fish like crazy, bucket after bucket, enough to feed every family in the village. When they brought the first bucket of fish in, the people said, "You can't catch these kind of fish from shore, the waters too cold this time of year and they don't come near shore!" They were so astounded as Larry kept bringing in the fish, and also the wind died down and the boats were able to go out for the first time in weeks. Their nets were almost overloaded with beautiful halibut. Praise God He is so good!! They all said, "We knew if you came to us the Lord would help us through this bad time."

Larry also found that most of the people had no coats and not enough blankets to keep warm and it was very cold. So, we are collecting coats and blankets to take to the Seris in time for next winter. Please contact us if you have anything to give, or bring them to our meetings we will be having in May. Larry and I are planning to go back down in September to take the coats and blankets. All sizes, from infants to adults are welcome and needed. We're talking about at least 600 people. Shoes would be nice too. They can be used, but please be sure they are decent and wearable, something you would wear yourself.

They spent a wonderful 3 weeks of ministry in the two different villages, and were pleased to see the growth in the Lord, and also their desire to learn even more. Another life was saved from the same virus in the southern village when they went there too. God has also raised up a sort of pastor to lead the believers in each village too, which is an answer to our prayers. Pray for the Seris as they continue to grow closer to Jesus and continue to serve Him. Pray for the new little pastors too, as most of the Seris are further along in the Lord than they are.

When Larry got home we immediately began to travel the whole month of May to minister in our home meetings. That's one reason we have been unable to write before now. What a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship we had with our precious brothers and sisters in those meetings. And we're very much looking forward to being with you all again in the month of May. Thank you all so much for receiving us with such love and caring. We love you all and pray God is blessing you back with His great love and care.

We also want you to thank you for the financial gifts that help make this ministry possible and keep this ministry going. For those of you who are so faithful every month we say God bless you very much, we can't tell you how much it helps and we appreciate it so much. For those who send one-time gifts, you are just as appreciated and we pray God's blessing back to you too. As a body, we must all work together to get the Gospel out to where Jesus wants it to go. We just ask that you would listen to the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart as to how much you would like to give to help this ministry. I must tell you that right now, we are almost down to nothing as far as finances go, but we have faith in you and our never failing God that all our needs and your needs will be supplied according to His will. Praise His Name!! We do feel it is right to share our needs with you too, so you can not only give, but also pray for us. There may be some of you who are not able to be a part financially, but you can pray, and that is a very important part of this ministry also. God hears those prayers, not only for finances, but for protection in the dangerous places, and our health to keep going, and our families and their welfare. And, we pray the same for all of you. It is a privilege for us to be able to minister to you on the phone

or in person; to share one another's burdens. In these times, we need each other, and we want to be there for you, and thank you for being there for us too.

Larry left April 3rd, Wednesday, on another mission trip to reach the lost for Christ. God had shown him a river on his way back from Florida over a year ago and told him to go up that river and take His word to the people that are living along its banks, in remote areas where no one goes. We have since learned from various brothers and sisters that there are criminals that go back into places like that to live and rarely ever come out. Also, one sister has been able to minister to some children that have come out of those areas that didn't even know what a flushing toilet was. Yes, even here in the United States, as hard to believe as it is, there still exist places where people live without electricity and running water. We ministered over in deep east Texas in some areas like that too. Anyway, God led him to the exact river he had been impressed to go to, but that's for the next newsletter, so I'll save it for next time. Please be in prayer for Larry, and our grandson, Israel, and brother David Jolly from Abilene who has gone on this trip with him. There are lots of mosquitoes, alligators and the like where they are at, so pray for their health too. But most of all, pray for souls to be saved and brought into the glorious Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ!! I will be here at home keeping the homefront going and ministering to some members of my family that have been going through difficult times too. I need your prayers also.

If you would like to know where we will be ministering in the month of May, please call or write us so we can let you know, and come see us. Some of these homes are out on ranches, that you can only give directions to in person. We will try to get it on our web-site also. Please note the new cell- phone numbers I will list below.

So, until next time, please don't forget us, as we also don't forget about you. May the Lord bless you each one, we love you.

Still going strong for Jesus,

Larry and Betty Goff

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P.S. We are also collecting any books that you have to give away, new or old, any kind, from novels to, textbooks, mysteries, romances, Christian books, etc. etc. They should be in fairly good condition though, as our son, Vaughn is going to sell them on the Internet, to help support the Wai Wai Indian tribe in Brazil, South America. As most of you remember, Vaughn's wife, Irene is a Wai Wai Indian from that tribe, and they still minister to them. The Wai Wai's are very poor and in need of help, and Vaughn is selling books to help them out financially. All proceeds from the sell of these books goes directly to the Wai Wai tribe, of which Irene's father is now chief. Thanks and God bless you for your help.