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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Once again, I sit down to tell you all the things the Lord has been doing in our ministry. There are so many things to tell. There have been blessings...trials...and miracles. Before I get into all of these things that have happened, I want to tell you about the things that are about to happen.

In just a few weeks I will be leaving for the Amazon to build the Amazon Mission base. As it stands right now, I will be leaving on the 25th of October. I will fly to Miami and then on to Manaus, the capital of the Amazon. From there, I will take a two-day road trip back to where the road ends at the Jatapu River. I will then travel down stream several miles to where I will build the Amazon Mission base. I will have to clear out about two acres of jungle before I can begin construction on our house. I hope to have the land cleared and the house built by the middle of December, which is when my wife, Irene, and our three children, Esther, Ephraim, and Benjamin, will be coming down to join me. Our house will be made out of sawn boards, which I will purchase from a sawmill and have them trucked to the edge of the river. I will then have to float them down the river to where the base is. The house will have to be built above the ground on six-foot stilts because of the rainy season when the river floods over its banks. I will also be using screen to cover our window and door openings to help cut down on the insect born diseases like, Malaria, Yellow Fever, Dengue, and other harmful insect born illnesses.

We also are planning to build another large structure, traditional Indian style, which will serve as a multi-purpose building. Its primary purpose is to hold celebrations and feast in, to which we will be inviting groups of Indians from other non-Christian tribes, for the purpose of winning them to Christ. There are some Indian tribes in the Amazon, that have been contacted by the government that have not had the opportunity to hear the Gospel, because the government will not let any missionaries onto their reservations. But due to the laws of Brazil, the government cannot prevent these Indians from leaving the reservations to come to our mission base, where we will have the opportunity to win them to Christ and send them back as missionaries to their own tribes.

The other purposes for this multi-purpose structure are endless. It will be used to hold church meetings, lodging for traveling groups of Indians, and also for a training center, to teach groups of native Christian brothers from other tribes how to find, contact and win to the Lord, those undiscovered tribes in other parts of the Amazon. This structure will be a fairly large round structure of more than 100 feet in diameter.

In late December or in January, Kurinau (Chief of Cacual Villige), a few other Wai Wais and myself, will be heading out into the jungle to locate and climb, Stone Top Mountain. This is a mountain that I have located on a map, but as of yet have not seen with my eyes. This mountain is an estimated two thousand feet above tree level and is rumored to be covered with stone on the top. Once we reach the top of Stone Top Mountain, we will establish a lookout post. We will be using binoculars and a telescope to survey the horizon for any signs of smoke from campfires, coming from the villages of undiscovered tribes of Indians. From this vantage point we should have an approximate view of over 100 miles in all directions. This mountain lies in the middle of an area where we believe there are at least two undiscovered tribes of Amazon Indians, if not more. We should be able to survey over twenty thousand square miles from this vantage point, and we have high hopes that we will be able to quickly locate at least one tribe. Once we do spot smoke from a village, we will use maps to calculate the approximate GPS coordinates of the village. Having a good GPS coordinate is essential because you can get severely off course after walking for days through thick Amazon jungle.

When we do find a tribe, on first approach we will try to make contact without frightening them. This is usually done by leaving gifts (Knives, Axes, Machetes) in places where they will find them, such as garden plots, fruit gathering places and well used paths. This technique will make them aware that we know where they are and that we are friendly and have left them gifts to show that. This can pave the way to a successful contact. It must be understood by all, that these people have been under the complete bondage of slavery to Satan since the beginning of their existence. Their entire culture has been built on a foundation of absolute fear of demons and the unknown. Anything out of the ordinary that happens to them sparks intense flames of fear and suspicion that is fanned by superstition and panic. It is only with intense prayer over the powers of Satan that holds them in bondage that a successful contact can occur. All the men in our party must be very spiritually minded and consecrated to the Lord in order to be a part of one of these missions.

I cannot tell you how important your prayers will be during these next seven months. Getting the Amazon Mission built will require a lot of work and sacrifice, not mention a lot of prayer, finances and a few miracles. The first miracle will be, getting title to the land we want to build the Amazon Mission base on. In January of this year, Brazil elected a new president. This president is a communist and has been making many changes, via executive order, to move Brazil back into a communist state. We can only pray that godly forces within the government can find ways to resist this man so that the door to the Amazon will remain open. Please stand with me in prayer on this matter.

The Lord has provided many things we need to expedite the locating of the lost tribes. Things like GPS equipment, a telescope, binoculars, a satellite phone and a laptop computer. We need you to pray that all these things make it through the immigrations check when we enter Brazil. It has been increasingly hard to get technology items into Brazil ever since the inauguration of this communist president.

Even as I write this letter there are forces of Satan trying to get legislation passed in the Brazilian government that would permanently prohibit any kind of exploration and contact of undiscovered Indian tribes in the Amazon. These forces have global support and have even been on the cover of the National Geographic Magazine (August 2003). Please stay in intense prayer about this, and bind the powers of Satan that are so desperately trying to keep the Gospel of Jesus from reaching these precious sons of God that Christ died to save.

The Lord has provided much of the equipment for the Amazon mission. The Lord has provided a laptop computer and a satellite phone. The laptop will help me in calculating GPS coordinates and will also be used for the kids to study their schoolwork on. The satellite phone is for emergencies. I have recently discovered that with both these I will have the capability to send a small email. Don't ask me how it works! Since I will be in the Amazon for over 6 months and out of contact with all of you, I was thinking that it would be a good idea to compile a list of your email addresses so that I can send an "Amazon Update" email to you once in a while. This way you can keep up with what's going on and I can tell you if I need special prayer for something. Please send me your email address if you want to be on this list. I will only be able to send email from the Amazon, NOT receive it. Send your email address ASAP, to: vaughn@goffministries.org. Please get your email address to me before October 20th, if you want to be on the Amazon Update list.

I wish I could write all the things that have taken place in these last two months. Unfortunately, if I did that, this would not be a newsletter, it would be a news book! I have not had a chance to rest since I came back from the Northwest Territories. I have been traveling and ministering to the Body of Christ here in Texas and New Mexico, almost day and night. The Lord has touched many people and we have seen God do miracles. The Lord has provided many of the things we needed to get the Amazon mission started. Without going into a lot of technical detail, I want to tell you about one specific prayer that the Lord answered in a miraculous way.

Ever since I returned from the Amazon in March of this year I have been watching for a good deal on airline tickets to Manaus, Brazil. Good deals on airline tickets are hard to find these days, to anywhere, and

are non-existent to a place like, Manaus. The best deal I could find was a route with a connection in Sao Paulo, Brazil, over 4,000 miles out of the way, and even that was not that good of a deal. I was especially concerned about my wife and kids who would be traveling down by themselves in December. They have never traveled by themselves before, and Sao Paulo is the most populated city in the world with an estimated 30 million inhabitants. Over 90% of air traffic to Brazil is routed through Sao Paulo, and they would be traveling during the Christmas season. I did not have peace in my spirit about this and I asked all the brothers and sisters in our meetings to pray very hard that the Lord would provide a different way. Well, about a week ago our travel agent emailed me and told me that a Brazilian airline had announced that it was starting a new route direct to, Manaus, from Miami, Florida. Praise the Lord!. I have watched these airline routes for over 6 years and this is the first time this route has been offered. It is truly an answer to prayer!!

Well, Dad is on his way back from the Northwest Territories of Canada. He will need a few days rest when he gets back, but he has a lot to tell you when he gets rested. A lot has happened up there in the Artic, and I have to tell you that you do not want to miss out on hearing these testimonies first hand. If you want to have Dad and Mom (Larry & Betty) come and minister in your church or home group, you need to call ASAP to make sure you get a slot. I am sure once he gets back there won't be many slots left. Call Mom at: 806-765-0335, to see what dates are still available. I don't want to give everything away, but I will tell you that he was ship wrecked in a storm. You'll have to get the rest of the story straight from him.

May God bless and keep you all. We love you and you are always in our hearts and prayers.

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P.S. Just a note from Betty and Larry:

Hello everybody, we love you all and thank so much for being an active part with us in the ministries in the Northwest Territories and the Amazon both! God will richly bless you each one for your prayers, finances and encouragement. We couldn't do it without you. We're all family in this wonderful Body of Christ and all working together to further God's Kingdom and see souls saved before it's too late. And we will all receive rewards, not only in heaven, but here and now too! Glory to our Lord Jesus Christ who is worthy of all praise and worship!!

As Vaughn said, there is so much to tell of what has been happening in the Northwest Territories, there just isn't space enough to tell it all. We will write more extensively later. Just praise God with us for the way God has opened doors to preach the Gospel in many villages of the Chipewyan Indians there in the Sub-Arctic and for the great response to the Word. Many have heard the Word, some have received Christ, and those who already knew the Lord have been greatly encouraged to not give up and have become rededicated to spreading the Gospel among their own people! The Spirit of the Lord has also been breaking down those strongholds of Satan, but keep praying, as there is still much opposition from Satan and his forces.. Larry has taken the Gospel to Ft. Resolution, Lutselke(Snowdrift), Hay River, and the capital of the Northwest Territories, Yellow Knife, and has been invited to many other places, but just hasn't had the time to get to them yet. As he told you in the last newsletter, the work up there will take years, so do continue to keep the ministry to the Northwest Territories on your prayer list.

As soon as Larry gets rested up from the week of travel down from the North, he and I will be coming to minister to you in your homes and churches. We are anxious to see you all once again and hug your necks. Please let us hear from you as soon as possible so we can put you on our calendar.

Again God continue to bless each of you, we love you much in the Lord!!

Betty and Larry