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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ and hope the letter finds you all following in His footsteps and keeping the faith in these trying times. We appreciate you all very much and want you to know that we do pray for you all and ask God to bless you and yours and to meet your every need. We thank you too for your prayers for us and this ministry and your faithfulness in financially supporting us to be your feet and mouth in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Amazon, Northwest Territories and here at home in the U.S. We couldn't do it without your help, so thanks so very much for helping us to get to where we need to go.

We realize that the American life is extremely busy and it is hard to find the time to read long letters, but if you will take the time out to read this letter, we know you will be blessed. Especially don't pass over Vaughn's letter from the Amazon that follows ours. Thanks for your patience.

As you know, Vaughn left for the Amazon the end of October. Since then, Larry and I have been traveling all over Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona keeping the home- groups and church meetings going. So much has been going on there isn't room in this one letter to tell it all. Everywhere we minister, Larry also tries to take interested ones out into the harvest field for some hands-on experience of preaching the Gospel to the lost, on the streets, in the bars, or wherever the Lord has him go. Many have been touched and many have prayed the prayer of salvation in those places. The brothers that have gone with Larry have received a blessing also and had their faith lifted by what they have experienced. We pray that they will continue to go out on their own and minister for Christ in the hard places. The need is great and the laborers are few. There have been some especially moving times under an overpass in San Antonio, TX, where they have shared the Gospel and given out food to more than a hundred homeless people. Mattresses laid out for over a city block, side by side, men women and children, even babies sleeping and living out in all kinds of weather. They become so hopeless and feel so helpless, so what a joy to present Jesus to them. He, who can change not only their minds, but their hearts and give them hope once again. There have been other experiences of whole bars full of people joining hands and praying and singing Amazing Grace. Just the other evening, Larry went witnessing in a bar with Blaine Poe Jr. and a man was led to the Lord who insisted on being baptized in the river the following day. He had been searching for Christ for years and had always had a desire to be baptized in a river. Just so happened they were staying in a motel with a beautiful river running behind it! Hallelujah!! We may never know in this life the results of all that has been done, but we will definitely know when we get to heaven and that's enough!!!

I'm waiting for an e-mail from Vaughn right now to give you an update on the Amazon ministry, but I will tell you that great things have been happening, but not without much opposition from Satan. Vaughn and family need your continued, fervent prayers for: 1. Their safety 2. Their health. 3. Getting the necessary paperwork done to get the title to our land put in Irene's name. 4. To bind the powers of darkness that are coming against and hindering the preaching of the gospel to the Wai Wai tribe and the searching for the unreached tribes. Please don't forget to pray for them daily, it is very important. Vaughn says they can feel it in the Spirit when people are praying for them. I will send a copy of the e-mail when it comes in. Please take the time to read it. It will probably be long, but you will be greatly blessed.

Now for a Northwest Territories update. We spoke with Rabbit and Teresa recently and they are doing fine. They have gone through some really low times since Larry left, but are holding up well. Continue to pray for them and their witness in Ft. Resolution. They are excitedly anticipating Larry's return. Also pray for Sister Dowey, in Lutselke(Snowdrift), as she is all alone with no other Christians in the village for fellowship. She is holding up strong for Jesus too, continually ministering the gospel to her people.

Also, Larry and I have some more very exciting news to tell you. Before Larry ever left the Northwest Territories to come home, he had a call from Brother Blaine Poe Jr., and his wife Heather. They were interested in joining our ministry up there. So, for all these months they, and we, have kept this in prayer waiting on the Holy Spirit to bring it together if it was to happen. Larry and I went over to Arizona to spend some time with them and talk about everything that joining our ministry entailed. We wanted a firm commitment from them so we could begin to make travel plans and so forth. They were able to at last give us that commitment and we were so happy. As you all know, we have been praying for Larry to have a permanent partner to work with him, as it is not easy for him to do the ministry alone. He was greatly blessed this last year up there to have brothers come for 2 or 3 weeks to minister with him. But when they left, he had to take the boat out alone and went through a very trying ordeal of getting caught in a storm and stranded for four days, and returning to Ft. Resolution with a very damaged boat. We are praising God for answered prayer! We would like to ask you all to pray with us for Blaine, Heather and their two small boys, Tray, age 3 and Garrett, age 1. This will be a great change in their lives and will be hard, especially for Heather. She will have to become accustomed to having her husband gone for weeks at a time while she stays and carries on the ministry at home base. She has never done this before, so it will all be new and different. She and Teresa will be wonderful encouragement to each other though. Blaine is in his thirties, a real mountain man and we're sure God will use him to help reach the youth, in the Northwest Territories, as he is very talented musically and has already been involved in ministry to Indians in Arizona for many years. Actually, Larry and I have known him since he was a small boy and He has always wanted to go minister with Larry. We feel very honored to have them join Goff Ministries!! We have one real need for you to pray for and that is another travel trailer for them to live in. The trailer we already have up there is not enough. Heather really needs a place of her own to make a home for her children. Also for them and us to each have some privacy. I plan, God willing, to spend two months up there with Larry, so we will need our trailer to live in. We also need prayer for getting a piece of land to park the trailers on that has electric hook up, water, and sewage. Ft. Resolution is an Indian village, so it will be a real miracle if anything like that

exists, but the Lord is able to do great things for those who trust in Him and knows that their goal is to be there to spread His gospel! He will hear those prayers and answer!! Glory to His Name! We thank you for standing with us for these needs.

At present, Blaine is with Larry as he ministers in some of our home-groups and churches. They have been in Abilene, New Braunfels, and San Antonio, and will be in Novice and Abilene again this weekend. All who have met Blaine have been very blessed and touched to hear him speak and play his flute and guitar and sing along with Larry. He writes his own music and songs and they are wonderfully inspiring Christian songs too. I wish you all could meet him and Heather and the children too. Maybe you who can't make it to the meetings will get to meet them at a later date.

I want to alert those of you who live in or near Clovis, New Mexico that Larry and Blaine will be going to the Christian Fellowship Center to minister on Sunday Feb. 8th at 10:00A.M. It is located a few miles west of Clovis on Hwy 84, on your left as you're headed east toward Texas. There is a long driveway with tall cedar trees on both sides leading to the church. If you pass the information center you've gone too far. Coming from Texas going west, the driveway is a mile more or less after you pass the information center. They will look forward to seeing you there for a good time of fellowship.

I will close for now and pray that this New Year will be a blessed one for each and every one of you. Again I say how very much we love you and appreciate you all for being a part of this ministry. You will receive rewards not only in this life, but for sure in heaven! May the Lord richly bless you all !!

Working hard in the harvest field for Jesus,

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