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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again we apologize for being so long between letters, but I'm sure you understand that when you are in the full time ministry for the Lord, your time gets consumed very easily. We do want you to know how much we appreciate your prayers and support, and know that no matter how busy we get we still take the time to pray for you all, and counsel with those of you we see in person or talk to on the phone. We cannot, without your help, be your hands extended to reach the lost for Christ in the Amazon, Northwest Territories, and here in the U.S. So we bless you all and thank you each one from the bottom of our hearts. We praise God for the way He puts the Body of Christ together, in that, He calls some to do the going while calling others to do the sending. And He does all this because He hasn't changed; He still comes to seek and to save the lost! All praise and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ !

Here is a word from Larry:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Body of Christ, Greetings in the awesome name of Jesus!! As I write from the mission base here in the Northwest Territories of Canada, I cannot possibly tell you of all that is happening, as space would not allow it. So I'll just hit some highlights. First of all, thanks for the prayers that got us through a grueling border crossing that lasted five and a half hours!! God's angels were with us and the Lord gave us great patience, which is a big requirement nowadays when crossing borders! We could feel the prayers of the Saints supporting us!

As Blaine, his family and myself, drove into Ft. Resolution we were met with 20 below zero temperature. Blaine had a big shock when his wet beard instantly turned to ice! HA! He has since learned to go outside only when completely dry. Blaine, Heather and the kids are adjusting to the hardships of the mission field very well and are very happy to be up here serving the Lord. Also, I am happy to have them, they are a great help in the ministry. When we went into the little supermarket here, some of the natives came rushing up to me with warm hugs and questions. All asked, "How long will you stay with us, Brother Larry?" As I answered that I would be here all summer, they relaxed and got big smiles on their faces. I thought to myself how very different it was, than when Vaughn and I arrived last year for the first time and people wouldn't even look at us and barely would talk to us. The Lord certainly has given increase to the seed we sowed here last year. Hallelujah! I am just now realizing how very much that seed has grown. We are now holding Bible studies in one home or another every night of the week. We also go on some weekends to minister in Hay River, a larger town about 100 miles away. We also minister there in homes, bars and a youth center that the Lord has opened up to us. We have witnessed some great conversions to Christ and many others taking the first step in making a commitment to stop drinking and taking drugs.

One miracle I specifically want to tell you about is Pat, Rabbit's brother. Remember, Rabbit and his wife Teresa were the only Christians in Ft. Resolution when I first came here. Rabbit has been witnessing Christ to his brother, Pat, ever since he was saved 6 years ago. Then, I witnessed quite a bit to him last year and also this year. Also, Blaine has gotten to witness to him quite often since our arrival. God's Word never returns void and our work is not in vain! Glory to God. With all those seeds growing inside him, Pat only needed to see a Christian film by Chick Publications, "The Light of the World", for those seeds to sprout and produce the fruit of repentance and to receive Jesus as His Lord and Savior. It was a mighty life changing experience too! He immediately got rid of all his drug paraphernalia and began burning every book, music tape, movie tape, etc. that was in his house. He woke Blaine up at 3:00 A.M. to help him do it. He has since been so on fire for the Lord, that he constantly preaches the gospel to everyone he sees, even at work!! We praise God for His awesome power to save a person's soul and to cause their whole life to change!

Also, the very first thing I did when we arrived was to take all who wished to go to Hay River to see the movie, "The Passion of The Christ". We drove the 200- mile round trip every day for a week, two car loads most nights. We also ministered to the people all the way home afterwards. Many lives were touched and we are daily witnessing changes here in Ft. Resolution. There is a whole new spirit here now. The people are actually calling for me to come to their homes and minister to them. They have said that it's like, "Daddy has come home." This statement blesses my heart, but I take no glory in it for I know that they are only recognizing the Jesus that lives in me and loves them through me. I am only a willing, yielded vessel to bring them the Gospel. Also, I can tell that you all have been faithfully holding this ministry up in prayer because, the forces of Satan that have held these people in bondage for so long are finally beginning to break down. Hallelujah!! Please keep praying. We all need it every day all the time! And as stated before, we pray for you all too. I send my heart full of love and prayers for each one of you. May God bless and keep you.

Your faithful servant for Jesus and His kingdom,
Larry Goff

Now a letter from Vaughn:

Dear fellow Soldiers for Christ,

I pray that this letter finds you standing strong against forces of the enemy in these difficult and troubling times. As the end draws nearer and evil grows, we must all learn to stand together in unity with the other members of the Body of Christ to resist and defeat the forces of Satan. This is not only possible; it is the will of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

There is so much I want to tell you about what the Lord is doing in the Amazon. We have overcome many barriers that Satan had built against us. The Lord has done many miracles in the past eight months. Nevertheless, there are still many barriers to overcome before the mission of contacting the lost stone-age Indian tribes can be accomplished.

As some of you know, two days after my arrival on the edge of the Jatapu River in October of 2003, another truck arrived carrying Federal agents. These agents established a guard-post a few miles down river from the Amazon Mission Base on the northern border of the newly established Waiwai Reservation. This guard-post was established in this place for the sole purpose of preventing us from

entering the Waiwai Reservation and contacting the lost Indian tribes or ministering the gospel to the Waiwai. The Federal government of Brazil in conjunction with major international organizations have worked hard over the last decade to push all civilized Indian tribes in the Amazon, back into stone age. They openly use money and influence to get the Indians to reject Christ and return to their old ways of Witchcraft. I believe that the Lord has led me to establish the Amazon Mission to counteract this outright and obvious attempt by Satan to prevent the gospel from reaching the lost tribes of the Amazon.

Because the Amazon Mission sits just outside the Waiwai Reservation on the main river, which the Waiwai use to travel out on, we are able to minister to different groups of Waiwai almost on a daily basis, and encourage them to return to Christ. We are also able to counter the lies that the government has them believing, and teach them what their true rights are under the Brazilian Constitution. The number one tool that the government is using to push them back into Stone Age is, their ignorance of the Portuguese language and the reliance on outside interpreters to tell them what the government says. We need to change this so that the government will no longer be able to use their primitive language as a tool to control them. Please pray earnestly for the Waiwai, that they will grow strong enough spiritually and have the courage to sever all ties to the federal government of Brazil, and that when they do this, God will bless them and prosper them. We are working hard to help them grow in the Lord and make this transition. We are doing this through both spiritual and physical teaching, and aid. Here are the things the Lord has shown me that we must do in order to bring the Waiwai back to him and help them grow stronger spiritually.

1. A Massive Film Ministry

Although the Waiwais have had a bible in their language for some time, after thorough review I have found it to be severely lacking in spiritual depth because of the primitive inadequacies of the Waiwai language itself. A bible based film ministry in the Portuguese language, would bridge the language gap. This would allow the Waiwai to better understand the bible and grow spiritually, while at the same time encouraging and helping them to learn the Portuguese language, which will enable them to advance.

2. Education

We already have a functioning school at the Amazon Mission with fifteen children attending, most of them Waiwai. By offering free education to the Waiwai and Brazilian children we are gaining the respect of both communities and breaking down the barrier of division the government has tried to drive between the Indians and the Brazilian communities. It also opens the door for tremendous opportunities to minister the gospel and has already led to several people coming to know Jesus as their Savior. We are praying that Amazon Mission school will become the best school in the area and will draw all the Waiwai to move to our area to give their children a better education.

3. Agricultural Improvement Program

We have already begun an experimental growing program. We are searching the world for every type of nutritional plant that might grow in the Amazon. Our goal here is to increase the available varieties of nutritional foods that the Waiwai can grow on their land. This will decrease their dependency on government financial and medical aid, by enabling them to live healthier lives through better nutrition and to make money by offering new products for sale to the Brazilian community.

4. Medical

By assisting the Waiwai with their medical needs we will decrease their dependency on the government health care system that has been a major influence to encourage the Waiwai to return to their ancient ways of witchcraft.

We cannot do this alone. This is a massive undertaking. God has already led two much needed families to join the Amazon Mission. They came in faith without a penny of support. Up until now, the Lord has enabled us to be able to sustain them. PTL!!! We also do not have the equipment necessary for the Amazon film ministry. A small lightweight video projector would be best suited for this purpose. Of course we need a reliable energy source to run the video projector. The Amazon Mission is very remote and gasoline is hard and very expensive to get. An energy generation system that uses the flow of the river would be best for us, but we are looking to the Lord for the answer. We also are rounding up a list of bible films in Portuguese to buy, and they will not be cheap. Please pray that the Lord will provide the funds necessary to accomplish all these things, including the purchase of 500 bibles in the Portuguese language. For a complete list of the things we are praying for, please visit "Our Needs" page on our website at: www.goffministries.org.

Well, I have not even scratched the surface of all that I want to tell you. Please remember that I will be leaving for the Amazon in September on a one way ticket. I do not know when the Lord will bring me back to the US? I say this with all earnestness, I would love to see all of you one last time before I leave, so please call and let me know when I can come and share with you in person. This may be the last chance you have for a long to see me in person so please do not hesitate. I pray that the rich blessings of the Lord be upon you always.

Soldiers in the Army of Christ,

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If you would like a meeting, please call and we will schedule you in. Thanks.