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"REMEMBER, JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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We hope this finds all of you praising the Lord for the birth of Christ, and for the salvation He bought for us with His precious blood on the cross!! We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Larry left for Old Mexico on Dec. 1st. He felt led of the Lord to go up into the high mountains of the state of Chihuahua to minister in the villages of the Tarahumara Indians. We had ministered with them 38 years ago when we lived in Chihuahua City where our daughter, Valene was born. He took the film, "Light of the World", to show in the villages. He stopped to change some money in Chihuahua City and God did a wonderful miracle, a real blessing to us!! He went to a tiny, two-table restaurant to find a bathroom, which they didn't have, and wound up in conversation with the owner lady. She began to question Larry about why he lived there so long ago, and of course he told her he had been there taking the gospel of Jesus Christ all through the surrounding area. He happened to mention that on the weekends we would go down to the little town of Saucillo some 100 miles south to preach in the Plaza and also rented a small house to hold services in. She told him that she was from Saucillo and when she was ten years old she remembered a preacher coming to the plaza to preach every weekend and also remembered that he held services in the little house. Larry asked her if she remembered a paraplegic, paralyzed boy that was laid in the plaza every weekend to beg and what happened to him when Larry prayed for him? She said, "Oh yes, I remember that he was completely healed that day, I saw it! She said, "His name is Miguel, and he still lives in Saucillo and owns a big business there." What a great and glorious God we serve!! Hallelujah. And like I said, what a blessing to us to hear about this wonderful miracle that happened 38 years ago. The miracle this time was that Larry should just so happen to meet up with this lady who saw the miracle happen in a city of around two million people!! I know God let this happen to encourage Larry that he was in the right place at the right time, right in the middle of God's will!

Well, he left there high in the Spirit and God led him to some remote Tarahumara Indian villages. The roads were very rocky, steep and narrow, with no railings. There are a lot of rockslides so it's very dangerous, especially at night. He had great success and response to the film, only some minor opposition. He worked alone at first, but the Lord answered prayer and led him to two Christian brothers with who ministered with him until he left there, yesterday. One is a little Baptist brother, an Indian, Mario and his wife Alicia. Alicia was sitting on the side of the road selling some little artifacts that she had made. When Larry passed by in the truck, she said that the Holy Spirit spoke in her heart that this was a man of God. At the same moment, the Holy Spirit moved Larry to go back to her. Her first words to him were, "Yo soy creyente, yo no toma!" which is, in English, "I am a believer, I do not drink!" There is a lot of alcoholism among the Indians. So, one of the main evidences that a person has accepted Jesus as savior is that they stop drinking. Mario is on fire to serve God and evangelize, so he and Alicia took Larry to many villages, some of which took all day to drive to on those horrible mountain roads. It was worth it though to see the response to the film. Most of these people have never even seen a film, do not even have electricity and live very, very poor. They begged Larry to please come back and stay longer with them. He told them that God willing he would go back next year and stay in each village a longer period of time. He also met Miguel, who is an Assembly of God pastor in a small village. He is Mexican but his congregation is Indian. He couldn't travel with Larry though because he has a full time job. He really needed the encouragement though and was so thankful God sent Larry to him.

Pray for the Tarahumaras, as they are still very unevangelized, even though there are a few Christians in the area. Larry felt one of the main reasons God sent him to the area was to encourage and refresh the desire to go out and win souls in these Christians that God has placed there. They were mostly fighting among themselves because they were more interested in promoting their denominations than in promoting the gospel. God used Larry to draw them together in the Holy Spirit for the common goal of winning the lost to Jesus Christ, of which they all believe is most important. Many other great things happened but there is not room to tell them all. All glory to Jesus!

Larry is now headed over to the state of Sonora, to the Sea of Cortez, (The Gulf of California), to the Seri Indians. It's been about two years since he went to check on them and he felt it was time to visit them once again. As most of you know, we lived there and ministered to the Seri's in 1993 and 1994. Nearly the whole tribe made professions of faith and many are still faithful followers of Christ. The one man that God had raised up as a Pastor/Leader, was very badly backslidden 2 years ago. His wife, Adela, had passed away suddenly and it just devastated him so he started drinking again. Larry tried to see him when he was there, but Charlie ran and hid from him. He was so ashamed he couldn't face Larry. But Larry caught up with him one day for just a few minutes and ministered the love and forgiveness of Christ to him. So, this time when Larry arrived in the Seri village of Punta Chueca, he went straight to Charlie's house. Glory to God, Charlie had come back to the Lord right after Larry had left there two years ago and has been a fireball for the Lord every since, out preaching and winning souls as hard as he can!!! Hallelujah!! Larry is so happy he can hardly contain himself. What a blessing! So if you know a person that's backslidden, just keep praying for them and don't give up hope, our God is well able to bring them back to the fold!!

Larry plans to spend about a week in Punta Chueca and then go to the northern Seri village of Desemboque to spend about a week. Pray for the ministry there, among the Seri's. They have such great temptations thrown at them constantly, and they are so very poor materially that they need to be very strong spiritually. Larry will be showing some films and encouraging the brothers and sisters to stand strong no matter what! We thank you all for your prayers and support that lets him be your hands extended to carry the gospel to the lost in these remote areas and the encouragement that the brethren receive just from his presence with them. We couldn't carry

on this ministry without you, and you are a part of everything we do and will reap the same reward! God bless you all abundantly, we love you and pray much for you all.

Esther is leaving for Brazil tomorrow to be with Vaughn and Irene and family over Christmas. She will be going down and coming back with our older son, Victor and his family. They are also spending Christmas in Brazil with his wife's, Deusa's, family. Pray for all of them and their travels. They will return on Jan. 3rd, as will Larry, God willing. I am staying here to care for my Mom and Dad and take care of the administrative part of the ministry. I will be very lonely and miss them all very much, so pray for me too. I have overcome many of my physical ailments, but am still being attacked with other problems, of which all entail some amount of pain, so I continue to covet your prayers for my health also. I'll close for now wishing you all again a very happy time of worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ during this time of year!

Your faithful servants on the front lines for Jesus,
Larry and Betty Goff

VAUGHN'S NEWSLETTER FROM THE AMAZON MISSION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

12-13-04

At long last the Lord has given me a few minutes to sit down and fill you in on some of the things that have taken place since my arrival here in the Amazon. So many things have happened that I would have to have had a personal scribe following me around 24/7 to record them all. All I can say is that this year has gotten off to a great start and everything is moving ahead at an incredible pace. I have so many things to say that I don't know where to start, so I will just start with what's fresh on my mind.

As most of you know, my arrival here last year created such an earthquake of response that I was so busy ministering to hungry and needy souls that I was barely able to complete the building of our house, much less the multi-purpose building. I desperately wanted and needed to get it built. This year has been no different, especially with the arrival of the video projector and films the Lord blessed us with, that have sown an innumerable amount seeds in the hearts of many that will reap a bountiful harvest. Praise the Lord for this equipment!

We have a ton of work ahead of us as far as building goes. I do not know how I will get it all done? We have several projects going on all at the same time. Immediately upon my arrival here I put some men to work clearing brush from the remainder of our formerly cleared land (about 5 acres) to open up the area to build the multi-purpose building and the medical clinic. The rest of the land not taken by the buildings will be planted with a wide variety of food crops and fruit trees that will serve as a food supply for us at the mission base and for the daily flow of spiritually and physically hungry visitors. I had to hire brother Cico again this year as well as a Waiwai man named Yamka to help clear the land because brother Jonas had just been treated for Malaria when I arrived and Asatdo is still recovering from hernia surgery. The land has been cleared and is in the burning / cleaning process as I write this letter.

I have also hired a Brazilian man to make bricks right there on our land from the excellent clay that the Lord has put there for us to use. By January I should have 5000 fire hardened bricks to start building the medical clinic with. I will need far more bricks than this to complete the multi-purpose building and the clinic and two more septic tanks, but I will have to wait until finances will permit me to have them made.

It has also become apparent that we desperately need a couple of small, guesthouses where long-term guests and workers can stay. Irene and I have had up to four families living in the house with us at all times since our arrival, and that is not even mentioning the active school in our house from 7:30am to 12:00 noon during week days. We are planning to wall in the lower stilt foundation area under our house as a temporary place for the school until we can build something else. This area may flood during the rainy season so we will eventually have to build something else, as our school needs room to grow.

All though all the mission needs mentioned above are essential and are immediately needed; the medical clinic will be the first to be built. The Lord has opened every door imaginable for this clinic to come into being, and even the rumor of it has created an up surge of joy and support amongst the Brazilian and Waiwai communities alike. The regional government has come out in full support of it and has promised to supply us with all of our laboratory needs, such as chemicals etc. I should tell you here that Brother John is a certified laboratory technician qualified to do blood urine and feces tests for various illnesses and afflictions.

I also have more great news! The Lord has already provided the proper microscope for our laboratory, which will be arriving in a few days from the US, carried by my brother Victor that is coming to visit me. PTL!!!! Our heartfelt thanks to those who donated it. May God bless you greatly! As if this were not enough, the Lord allowed me to meet a doctor out in Boa Vista two days ago that became very interested in the clinic. He is a Christian doctor from Guatemala who went to medical school in the US and has practiced medicine in Somalia, Africa, Nicaragua, Honduras and here in Brazil. He became very excited when he heard what we were trying to do and said that he would willing to help in what ever way he could and said he would love to come to the mission base to do one-day free clinics when we are ready. Sometimes I just have to sit back and marvel at how the Lord works. How great is our Lord, His greatness cannot be measured!!!

Well, I could go on and on, as some of you well know, but I need to bring this letter to a close with a few prayer requests. Please pray that Lord will continue to bless this ministry with the finances necessary to complete all these initial building projects. I did not talk much about the multi-purpose building, but we desperately need it. Pastor Wari and I already have plans in the works to reach out to the Atroari tribe and possibly the Shirishan tribe, once it is built. Also, please remember Brother Jonas in your prayers, he is so faithful that he went to work clearing the brush even in his weakened condition, against my insistent protest that he not do so, and has suffered a relapse of malaria and is currently undergoing treatment. Pray for the success of our food crops and fruit trees that we are in the process of planting that I hope will turn the mission base into an oasis of refuge for those in need of food. Pray for me, that the

Lord will continue to give me health, wisdom and strength to complete the massive construction task ahead. Pray for Irene, as she is missing our daughter Esther more than I can describe. Continue to pray for all the paperwork on the land and my permanent visa. We have made a lot of progress the last couple of weeks, PTL! I now have a protocol card, which gives me all the rights of a permanent visa until they examine all the paperwork I have submitted and issue me the real visa. I also will be submitting more items on the land after the New Year. I've gotten everything together to submit this past two weeks. Pray it will be enough to get it in our name!

Your prayers and support mean more to me than I can express and are essential to the success of this mission!! Every door the Lord opens for me, is a door He opened for you. Every accomplishment I achieve, is an accomplishment you achieve. You are here with me and the fruits that I reap, you reap also. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Your Servants for the Lord in the Amazon Jungle,

Vaughn, Irene, Ephraim and Benjamin

P.S. Thought I was done didn't you? You should know me better than that! HA! I just wanted to tell you that we are preparing for a tremendous Christmas celebration at the Amazon Mission. Christmas is the only annual event that the Waiwais celebrate and usually they all travel to the capital village for one giant celebration. This year some of the Waiwais have told me that they want to spend Christmas with us at the Mission base. This is a tremendous statement as they are expected and almost obligated to go to the main village, as it is seen as the power base of leadership. For them to want to come to the mission base is saying that they are now looking to us for leadership. For this reason I ask you to pray that our efforts to make this year's celebration a great one are a success. We plan to have a day of fun and games almost like a Mini-Olympics with competitions such as foot races, swimming, jumping, archery etc. We plan to have games for all ages so that every body will have a chance to win something. Prizes for winning will consist of much needed tools like machetes, knives and ax-heads for adults, and toys, candy and clothes for the children.

Esther will be with us (Praise the Lord!) during this occasion and will bake us a bunch of her delicious cakes. She is famous for her cakes here and everyone will want to come just to get a piece! After all the day's activities and a good meal we hope to have an evening prayer and worship service followed by the showing of the "Passion of the Christ" film. If all goes well, this day can be a landmark turning point for the mission base in the minds of many of the Waiwai. Please pray for the Lord's blessing and guidance. Thank you and God bless you all, we love you.

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