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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let me say at the beginning how comforting it is to know you are all standing with us in this ministry even though we have long gaps between letters. We appreciate your prayers and love gifts so very much. We couldn't carry on without your obedience to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. God bless all of you, we love you.

Well, in the last letter Larry had just returned from the Arctic with all our equipment. And we want to say thank you to Blaine Poe and Roger Garrett for the indispensable help they gave to Larry. God will bless them greatly for all they have done. It was a very long, hard, 9000-mile, trip with many trials through which the Lord gave them victory each time. They were all exhausted upon arriving home and deserved a long rest, but it didn't happen. Blaine went back to work, as did Roger, and Larry only stayed home four days before heading down to Abilene to continue work on the rehab camp. But God is good and has blessed them with quick recovery. Thank you Lord Jesus.

Before Larry left we had gotten the cement floor done, with a metal roof and cinder block benches all around the edge of the building. Larry got right to work when he got down there the end of August. He bush-hogged (cleared) the land, about 4 ½ acres so we could set up our travel trailer and other equipment. While he was gone, a wonderful Brother and Sister in Christ put us in a septic system, which we appreciate very much. Also, Vaughn took a young man in need of help and counseling down with him to finish up the electrical work. They hand dug a long trench in some very hard earth. Larry had done the inside electrical work before he left. After Larry returned, Vaughn went down with Larry to get the water well up and running and lay pipes etc. That was some hard work too, but praise the Lord he gave them the strength to get it done. We had the water tested by the county and it is very, very clean, good water! Hallelujah! Tastes great! I went down also, to clean the trailer and get it livable after being stored in the Arctic for nearly two years. We were all working hard to get to a dedication date for the camp.

We had the dedication service on Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and had some 60 people come to help us dedicate this camp to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. We named it "THE GOOD NEWS CAMP" and it is to help anyone that wants to come off drugs or alcohol, or just get closer to Jesus. We really thought that Larry and Vaughn would be going out in the streets to find people, but God had other plans. By word of mouth, He has sent people to us that have come voluntarily because they had tried everything else, everywhere else, and had given up hope. Things started happening immediately after the dedication. We are going on two months now and God has really moved in some lives in an awesome way. We are attaching a letter of testimony from one of the women who came to the camp for help. Please read it, you will be very blessed!!

We have had some people come for the weekend and others who only stayed 10-12 days, but everyone has heard the gospel ministered to them with love and concern for not only their addictions, but also their souls. I wish each one of you could spend just one day and night out at the camp to feel how the anointing and peace of the Lord just pervades the camp. Many people have to come to the camp to help out and found themselves being ministered to at the same time. Everyone who comes out to fellowship there is so blessed by the Spirit that they don't want to leave. The camp has been running 24/7 since it's dedication almost 2 months ago and Larry or Vaughn have to be there continually to counsel and maintain the camp. Larry and Vaughn take turns staying at the camp so the other one can have a rest. Irene and I go and help at the camp as much as possible. Many others in the Abilene area help as much as possible and their help is very welcome and much appreciated, as would be yours if the Lord should lead you to come. If you have ever said to yourself, "I wish there was a place I could go and do something for the Lord in my spare time", now you have a place to do that. We are so happy with how the camp is coming along and want to thank all of you for continuing to pray for us, and all who come to the camp for help, and also for the finances that help to house and feed and maintain the camp. God bless you again and thank you.

Let me describe the camp to you. It is very rustic compared to other rehab places, but very effective. We have the open-air building with an eight by ten foot movie screen built at one end. God had blessed us with a refrigerator and we took our own freezer down. We have a double sink outside the building with a hose running to it. We have a big round fire pit with a grill on top where most of the food is cooked over the mesquite tree wood from clearing the land. The favorite time of day is in the evening. We have a bon fire and sit around to sing and praise God with guitars and harmonicas, study the Bible, give counseling and answer questions. Those who stay at the camp sleep in tents on thin air mattresses with sleeping bags. Larry sleeps in a tent also unless I'm there and then we sleep in our trailer. We were using a tiny little washing

machine that I had in our trailer. You had to wring the clothes out by hand, but we have had a donation of a regular washing machine now and also some tent heaters for the wintertime. So far, everyone who has come to the camp has turned out to be great cooks who love to cook over a fire, so we're eating well. They help around the place with whatever work has to be done. And one very amazing thing is that no one has had any serious withdrawal symptoms. If they start to feel any symptoms at all, we all get together and pray and it just goes away. They are all growing spiritually too and really getting close to the Lord. We're so proud of them! Come visit us and experience the blessings for yourselves, we'd love to have you.

One of the men had some community service to work off so his probation officer let him work on building our bathrooms. Just so happens, he is an expert mason. God is so good! God also supplied the finances for the stuff to build the bathrooms including a donation of blocks and mortar. Our next project is to run gas lines for a gas clothes dryer and hot water heater. Right now we have a porta-potti, which a brother in the Lord who has a septic business keeps emptied for us, and a portable shower, which we run hot water into from the tiny water heater in our trailer. We are really looking forward to getting the bathrooms and washer hook-ups finished. We also have been blessed with a semi-truck trailer for a storage shed, which we needed very much. We are grateful for each and every donation; they are all being put to good use. We do still have needs to be met though, so I have been asked to make a list, by a precious brother in the Lord who has given so much himself, so that others can know our needs. So, the list follows:

1. Of course, finances to meet the daily needs of the camp and our personal family needs.
2. The finances to purchase the materials for the gas lines which will run from an oil well 1300 feet away. The gas off the oil well will be free as is our water. We do have to pay for electricity though and it is quite expensive there.
3. A small economical vehicle (maybe a small pick-up, but doesn't have to be) to drive back and forth to town, which is 30 minutes away.
4. A gas clothes dryer
5. A large gas water heater
6. Materials to build a little house around the water well pump
7. Now this next one is a big thing, but nothing is too big for God! Vaughn and Irene have been looking for a ranch home in the Abilene area for some time. Now that the camp is fully operational, the need for them to move to Abilene is more desperate than ever. They have lived and raised their three children in a little 800 square foot house in the city of Lubbock for over 15 years and have been very content. They are believing the Lord for a place in Abilene out in the country, hopefully as close to the camp as possible. Please stand with them that the Lord will show them the perfect place, and the provisions to purchase it.
8. Also, a 3-bedroom modular home for Larry and myself. I must stay in Lubbock until my mother and father no longer need me to care for them. Eventually I will be moving to Abilene though. I do go spend a week at a time when Vaughn and Irene are here in Lubbock to take my place. It would be nice to be getting a place ready though.
9. We would like some trees to plant, such as pecan or fruit trees, any tree that bears something to eat. Also, white oak and red oak would be nice. That would bring game in which we would use for food too.
10. A greenhouse to grow fresh vegetables year round.
11. The materials for a chicken house for fresh eggs and chickens. These things will provide work to keep the people busy, which is part of their rehabilitation, as they can't stand to be unoccupied.
12. Your continued prayers and loving kindness.

Well, I hope I've been able to portray a little of what the camp is like and how great God is using it to help people. I just wish you all could feel the excitement that is in our hearts. Oh yes, if you have access, please watch God's Learning Channel TV out of Midland, TX on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M. Larry and Vaughn will be on with some of the people from the camp with their live testimonies of what God is doing in their lives. God bless you all, again, we love you.

As always, busy in the Lord's work,  
THE GOFF'S

Larry and Betty  
Vaughn, Irene,  
Esther, Ephraim, and Benjamin

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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY  
Names withheld upon request

About two years ago my husband and I thought we were on top of the world. Yes, life was good for us. We had a small construction business we were running out of our home. After twenty years of struggling as a mason, my husband was on top of his game. We had a nice home, furnished quite well. I had jewelry, & clothes, not to mention all the best shoes a woman could ever want. We had two trucks, cars and all the best construction equipment a man could ask for. Oh yes, friends! So many friends we thought we couldn't lose!

Then one day the Devil knocked at our door. He said, "Look at all the cool stuff you have! Wow, you're great, you're cool, nothing can ruin your life now, spend that money, you deserve it! All those years you struggled, you should treat yourself!" So that's what we did. We partied and played, but it was okay because we shared with all our friends, and after all we were still making lots of money.

Then one day it all fell apart. The business started falling apart. We started losing all our cool, fun, stuff little by little. We fell deeper and deeper. Before we knew it we had a two-year crack cocaine addiction to support, no home, no toys and no friends. My husband went to jail for hot checks and ended up owing thousands of dollars to the government. He had to work for someone else making a fraction of what he had been making. We ending up living in a cheap hotel with nothing to our name, spending almost every dollar he made on our drug addiction. We had really lost everything and we were so sick and tired. We knew we had to do something, but didn't know what!

One day, on the job, a man walked up to my husband and something was there. My husband came home and told me, "I met someone today who is different, there is something there for us but I don't know what. After a little time went by they talked more and more. One day this man, Blaine Poe, came by our motel room and I saw something as well, but I still didn't know what it was. In our drugged state of mind it's amazing we noticed anything at all!

To make a long story short, a series of events happened that led my husband to leave that job. There we were, just the two of us sitting there in that nasty hotel room, getting high on crack for about a week. We were in a deep, dark fog. Out of the blue Blaine called us and said something that has changed our lives. He said, "How are you Brother? Something told me to call you, to call you now!" They went on to talk and my husband asked him to come by. He told him everything that had happened about the business, about the drugs and about how we both had strayed from God. God reached right out and touched us right then and there through this man we now lovingly call, Brother.

He told us there was a place we could go called, "The Good News Camp", where all our needs would be met. Plenty of to eat, a place to lay our heads and good people to talk to who didn't want anything from us but the opportunity to share the love of God with us. The very next day he came and picked us up along with our few worldly belongings and drove us out into the country to the wonderful "Good News Camp" run by Larry and Vaughn Goff. That was about a month ago now and we haven't touched drugs since! With the wonderful Brothers and Sisters we have found here, I know in my heart that we are on the right path. The Good News Camp is right where God wants us! Taking in and embracing all the glorious gifts of nature that God has blessed us with is a spiritual high no chemical dependency could ever surpass!

We are ready now and look forward to every new day with the love of God in our hearts. Till next time when we will tell more of our wonderful adventures walking with God and our Brothers and Sisters at the Good News Camp. God bless!

Note from Betty:

Larry and I, along with Vaughn and Irene, Blaine and Heather, The Bumpass' and many others who have come and shared and ministered, and sang, and prayed, and loved these people at the camp, are very blessed and thrilled by this testimony and we hope you are blessed too. We thank God for letting all of us have a part in seeing these lives changed! Saved out of darkness and brought into the saving light of Jesus Christ who is the answer to every problem and every situation! All of you have a part also, your prayers and giving has made this all possible! Hallelujah! Glory to God!