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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At long last I have the time to sit down and write a few lines. So much has gone on since I last wrote to you (I haven't ever said that before have I?). I will once again try to fill you in without making this letter so long that you would be in danger of getting a hernia lifting it. Ha Ha!

Where to start? Hummm... Let's start with the Good News Camp. As I look back over the last eight months since the Lord inspired Dad and I to start this camp, so much has transpired that it seems like years have passed. Many people have been set free by the life transforming power of Jesus. When we started the camp we had no idea what it would turn into. Our initial thoughts were that we would be taking troubled people to the camp for a few days out of the week, thinking that this would give us an unencumbered opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus with them for those few days. Almost immediately after opening the camp we saw that a few days was not adequate time for most people to experience real change in their lives. It soon became apparent that much more time and ministry was needed for these people, and so we found ourselves ministering 24/7, almost around the clock. Isn't it great! For a while we were stumped as to what to categorize the camp as. Was it a drug and alcohol rehab camp? Was it a troubled youth camp? What was it? After many months, we began to see that it was not one certain thing. Yes, we had drug addicts and alcoholics. But we also had couples with marital problems coming for help. We also have had people come out for a few days of solitude and counseling to seek the face of God and find His will for their lives. Then one day it struck me like lightning; it's a Life Rehabilitation Camp! A place where people of all walks of life can come to learn how to rehabilitate their life through the power of Jesus. We have been asked many times what the "Program" is at the Good News Camp. We have but one answer, "Jesus is the solution at the Good News Camp." I have told many prospective candidates that if they are not coming to the camp to experience a life-changing event through the power of Jesus, they are just wasting their time. Because drugs and alcohol are not the problem, they are just the symptom of an empty self-indulgent life without Jesus. We have seen many lives rehabilitated through Jesus (The Solution) in these past eight months, and I know that there are many more to come. PTL!

God has done so much in the last eight months at the camp, that there is no way I could write it all in this letter. I will tell you of one wonderful thing that happened at the camp. Some of the first people to come to the camp were a middle-age couple whose names were Johnnie and Beth Douglas. Both were heavily addicted to crack. Both of them experienced a life-changing event through the power of Christ at the camp and stayed on to become fulltime counselors. In December of 2007 they shared their testimony in a live television interview on Primetime Christian Broadcasting (GLC). During the interview Beth stated that she was dedicating the rest of her life to serving the Lord, starting at the Good News Camp. On March 18th sister Beth went to be with the Lord. She served faithfully at the camp until the last day of her life. She had been battling Hepatitis C for many years. Even though the living conditions at the camp are very rustic and she was in almost constant pain, the joy of the Lord radiated through her and touched countless lives. She insisted to stay and minister at the camp up until the very moment she was taken to the hospital. Even though she was in intense pain and fading fast, she reached out to the nurses around her and prayed for them. These nurses were moved to tears because of Beth's compassion and love. In just few hours of entering the hospital, she won the race and shed her earthly body and exchanged it for a glorious one that Jesus had prepared for her. Her memorial was held at the camp and many people whose lives she had touched came from all over to be there. It was a glorious time as we celebrated Beth's new life in Christ.

Now I would like to catch you up on some of the projects at the camp. At long last the bathrooms are complete and fully functional. In the end, we decided to not make them into dual-purpose bathroom/storm shelter and just let them be bathrooms, as it was driving the cost way up. We plan to build an underground storm shelter when finances allow. To help reduce the cost of operation of the camp we have built a green house where some herbs and vegetables can be grown year round. We have also built a chicken house and we already have six chickens that are laying eggs. We are also planning on planting a garden and canning some vegetables for the winter.

Also, Dad has been ministering to a lot of young street people that a brother named Walt brings out to the camp, usually very late at night and they stay till early morning. He also takes them all out on his pontoon boat to fish some nights. On the boat,

they are captive audiences and he can get in some intense ministry. Many times on weekends we have a lot of people show up at the camp for ministry, fellowship and singing and praising God around an old fashioned campfire. We have also had brothers and sisters come for a few days to visit and fellowship and help minister to the ones there. They have all said that there is such peace at the camp they don't want to leave, but they can at least go back to their lives revived and ready to face the challenges of life again with joy in their hearts! We invite anyone who would like some hands-on experience to come visit and minister with us.

I want to tell about another ministry, with which I have been deeply involved. As most of you know my daughter Esther is going to collage with the hope of becoming a doctor for the purpose of being a medical missionary. Esther has a tremendous evangelistic spirit that is impossible to suppress. It also has long been a desire of mine to reach out to young Christian adults to strengthen them for the work of the Lord through SSFT (Spiritual Special Forces Training). Esther and I decided to start holding Bible studies in our home here in Lubbock, and Esther began inviting students from Texas Tech to attend. It started slowly at first but has grown tremendously over the last 6 months. There have been nights where we have had over 40 people in our 900 square foot home, all praising the Lord. These young people are so hungry for truth and spiritual teaching that they are sometimes almost suffocating. We have seen these young people grow in the Lord exponentially. Many of them are on fire for the Lord. We have seen several go on mission trips to foreign countries and come back forever changed. Irene and I have prayed for this type of ministry for many years and we are elated by what we are seeing happening amongst the young adults here in the US. If this ministry continues to grow, my house will burst at the seams, but hey! That's a good thing! Irene and I really did not know just how important this ministry was until here recently when one of the young men confessed that he had been thinking of killing himself and said that he would not be alive today if it were not for the encouragement and new life he had found in our group. Halleluiah!

We are taking several of the members of our group to the Good News Camp the third week of May on a mission trip to paint a house for an elderly couple (the husband recently suffered a massive stroke). The group will be staying at the camp at night and working on the house during the day. We are so excited about this trip as are all of the volunteers. I am expecting the evenings around the campfire to be a glorious time of worship with Ephraim, our son, (who is a gifted guitarist and our worship leader) leading us in praise. This will be the first mission trip we have done as a group, but I do not expect it to be the last.

There are so many more things to write about, but I must bring the letter to a close. When I think back over the last year, I am so grateful to the Lord for all of you and your faithfulness to God and this ministry. Without your steadfast support, there would many people that are saved today that would not be. Thank you so much and may God bless you all in Jesus Mighty Name.

Well, I can see the bottom of the page coming up fast, but I want to tell you about one final thing before I close. Most of you who have heard me preach, have heard me say time and time again, that you cannot experience a victory without a battle. As I have written this letter, I have told you about many victories. For the sake of being complete I must tell you of the battles that took place during these victories. There is a three-letter acronym that strikes fear in the heart of most Americans. Can you guess what it is?IRS

Yes, the dreaded IRS. I will not go into a lot of detail, but because of the US's attempt to cut off funding to terrorist organizations, all non-profit organizations with international outreach were put under heavy scrutiny about ten months ago. Goff Ministries, Inc was included because we have missionary works in Brazil, Canada and Mexico. During the last ten months I have worked feverishly to satisfy their relentless requests for more information about every nitty-gritty detail of our organization. At first we tried to hire a lawyer to do it if for us, because I felt completely inadequate intellectually to answer the IRS's extremely technical questions. The only lawyer I could find that would take our case wanted a \$5000 retainer to even look at our case. Needless to say, I had to do it! One of the reasons I have not written a newsletter in many months is because I have been almost totally consumed with defending Goff Ministries, Inc against the relentless onslaught of the IRS. I have to say though, that I learned more information about the IRS and non-profit organizations in the last six months than I ever care to use. It was an intense battle and the consequences, had we lost, would have been dire, but I exuberantly announce, with praise and thanksgiving to our powerful Lord, that we have won! Victory! Halleluiah! Praise the Lord God Most High!

During all of this I have also been under a personal IRS audit, which is still on going. It pales in comparison to what I was going through with Goff Ministries, Inc, and I know that the Lord will give me victory in the end, but still, your prayers would be appreciated. Again, remember, we love all of and you are in our prayers!

On the front line, setting captives free,
THE GOFF'S
Vaughn, Irene, Esther, Ephraim and Benjamin
and Larry and Betty