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Dear fellow servants of Christ Jesus,

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As I type these lines, my prayers go out to all of you. May the Holy Spirit be upon you and give you courage in these troubled times. It is times like these that give God the opportunity to demonstrate His awesome power of provision. Let not your hearts be troubled, for our God is still on the throne and He is still in control. Take the opportunity in these days to shine the light of the Gospel of Jesus into the darkness around you so that those in darkness will see it and be delivered. It is in times like these that we have the opportunity to distinguish ourselves as servants of the Most High, by unyieldingly standing up for the truth of the only Savior who is Jesus and walking in righteousness before the world.

Much has happened since the last time I wrote to you. The Good News Camp has continued to see people set free from drugs and alcohol through the power of Jesus. Some of the people that have been through the program have written some very touching testimonies that it was my intent to share in this letter, but they will have to wait until the next newsletter because I do not have them here in Lubbock at this writing. I will however share the most recent testimony of how a lady named Mary came to be at the camp.

As most of you know, my daughter Esther is going to collage to fulfill the calling the Lord has placed on her life to be a medical missionary. Her only struggle is her intense desire to serve the Lord completely right now in service to others, and that is how this story begins. Because Esther is taking 5 classes, (all in chemistry this semester), she has very little time to do anything else except study, and this is the reason she was in the Wal-Mart parking lot at 11:00pm one night a few weeks ago. She had just finished doing her shopping and was heading to her car when a man approached her asking for money. The man said he and his wife (she was not his wife really), only needed five dollars to buy some gas to get home. Esther asked him where his wife was and he pointed to a car not too far away where Esther could see a woman sitting in the front seat. Esther went over to the car and talked with the woman, Mary, who confirmed his story. (This was really all a lie to get money for drugs). Esther felt an immediate desire to reach out to this woman and asked her if she was hungry. She said she was, so Esther took them to Burger King where she bought them food and ministered the love of Jesus to them. Before she left, she gave the woman her number and told her that if she needed help to call her. I must say at this point, that I had no idea my beautiful daughter was out doing this kind of thing late at night and would have probably been terrified for her safety if I did know, but back to the story. Esther did not tell me that night about what had happened, but the next day around noon, she came in and told me she had a woman on the phone that sounded suicidal and needed help. It was Mary. I instantly asked to speak with her, but when Esther told the woman that she was giving the phone to her father, the lady hung up. "Go and find her right now Esther," I said. "Take Ephraim with you and try to bring her back to our house". Esther and Ephraim left and returned about 45 minutes later with Mary. I was in my bedroom when they arrived and when Esther came to get me she said, "Dad this lady is totally freaking out, you need to come here quickly." As soon as Mary saw me, a look of frightened terror came over her and she pulled her knees up to her face and covered her head with her arms and screamed as if in agony, "DON'T TOUCH ME! DON'T TOUCH ME! I AM SO DIRTY, I AM SO EVIL!" The closer I got to her she seemed to sink further into the couch as if she were trying to melt through it and escape. I sat down in a chair about three feet from her and in a calm soothing voice I said, "Mary, Jesus loves you." "No he doesn't", she cried, "he can't love me, I have done too many bad things." Both Esther and Irene were gathered around her telling her how much Jesus loved her and after a while she began to relax. I had Esther call Dad (Larry), and he came over. As soon as Dad saw her, he asked how she was doing and she began to cry. Dad gave her a big long hug and kept reassuring her that she was loved and she was safe now. Dad and I decided that she should be taken to the camp immediately, and so Irene and I took off with her in the car. That was over two weeks ago. Mary has been at the camp and has done great. She went street ministering with Dad last night and Dad said she touched several people with her testimony. Her husband William is serving in Iraq and I have spoken with him many times. I have sent him pictures and videos of Mary at the camp. When I first talked to him, he was confused about what had happened to his wife. The Lord gave me a special word for him. "William", I said, "you are a soldier in Iraq protecting defenseless people against terrorists that want to enslave them. We are soldiers too and we are defending your wife against the terror of drugs that has enslaved her. Your weapons are bullets and bombs, but our weapons are the love of Jesus and the Word of God. You do your job to free the Iraqi people and I promise you that we will do our job, with the help of God, to free your wife." Mary will graduate the program this coming Sunday. Praise The Lord!

Another thing I want to tell you about is this; Dad is flying to Nairobi, Kenya (That's in Africa), on December 3rd. Are you Shocked? That's about how I felt when Dad told me that he felt the Lord telling him to go to Nairobi, Kenya! But being Larry Goff's son, I might have been a little less shocked than you. Ha! Ha! Of course as usual, Dad had absolutely no idea why he was told to go, only that the Lord was drawing him there to minister to the Masai tribe. It was not long after we bought his airline tickets that the Lord started to reveal his plan, through a sister in the Lord who spent a few days in Abilene and stayed with Eddy and Nancy Bumpass. Eddy and Nancy invite everyone at the Camp to share Sunday lunch with them almost every week and this is where Dad met sister AnneLori from Israel. When Dad told her that he was going to Nairobi, Kenya, she grew extremely excited. "I am going there myself in just a few weeks!" she said. It was not long before sister AnneLori had contacted Pastor Chris Simiyu in Nairobi and informed him that Dad was coming and his intentions to minister to the Masai. Pastor Chris Simiyu could not contain his joy, for he had also been feeling a strong desire to launch an evangelistic outreach to the Masai. When Dad decided to go to Kenya, he had no idea where he would be staying, how he would be getting around, or even where the Masai were located. Needless to say, God has taken care of all of these things. I guess it is testimonies like these that remind us of that old adage, "In order to feel what it is like to walk on water, you first have to step out of the boat." Please keep him in your prayers for a fruitful ministry in Africa. He will be gone for two months, the Lord willing.

Well, I only want to share one more "Praise the Lord" with you. Ever since our departure from the Amazon, the ministry film equipment has been in storage. A few weeks back, as Irene and I sat and prayed about how to help her brother, Evaldo, (who wants to get married but has no job and no way to support a family), we felt the Lord tell us to let him use the film equipment to start a home based theater in the little village of Entre Rios where he lives. "Are you sure Lord? I asked. It does not feel right to let him use the equipment to make money." "It's okay", I felt the Lord say, "Let him use it." We called him and told him he could use it and how to set it up. About a week later we received a call from him and he was very excited and a little scared. He told us that for his first showing he showed, The Passion of the Christ. An old man came that could not pay the 50 cents he was charging, but Evaldo let him watch anyway. The next morning the old man came back to see Evaldo and he was crying profusely. Evaldo asked him what was wrong and he said, "Last night I dreamed that Jesus came back to rapture the church and I was left behind." "Please tell me how to get saved so that I won't be left behind". Poor Evaldo the unsuspecting evangelist! He was not ready for this, but he led the old man in the salvation prayer. The old man instantly began asking questions about God and the bible, and has been coming almost every day to study the bible with Evaldo. He asked Evaldo if he could bring his whole family to see the movie so that Evaldo could lead them all to the Lord. As Evaldo excitedly told me all that was happening to him, he could not see the tears running down my cheeks or the big smile on my face. When at last he said, "Brother Vaughn, I am not a preacher like you, I don't know how to teach people about the bible like you do. You need you to teach me. I have been reading the bible day and night to learn by myself but I need your help, but you're not here. What am I supposed to do Brother Vaughn"? I just smiled and said, "You're doing just fine Evaldo, you're doing just fine." Brother and Sisters; isn't our God GREAT! YES HE IS!

Well, I guess it is time to bring this letter to a close. I hope it has been as encouraging to you to hear about these things as it has been for us to experience them. I know that there has been a lot of cause to be concerned recently with the financial situation of the US. I know that many of you, our supporters, as well as us, have seen your incomes dwindle as prices have skyrocketed. I want to encourage you right now, to know and understand that God is your sole source for everything that you need. In 46 years of living by absolute faith, we have never seen our God let us down. In the days to come, we will all need to keep our focus centered on our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep your eyes upon Jesus and you WILL walk on water and not sink into the waves. All of us here pray the blessings of God upon you all in Jesus Mighty name! Amen!

In His service,
Vaughn, Irene, Esther, Ephraim and Benjamin
Larry and Betty Goff
and Scott and Valene Smith

P.S. (A note from Betty for the family.) We are very happy to announce that our daughter, Valene, and Scott Smith, were married on August 3rd, and are full-time counselors, in the ministry, with us at The Good News Camp. They fill a great need at the camp and we are blessed to have them. We will send Scott's testimony in the next newsletter. He has been one of our adopted sons in Christ ever since he was 18 years old, and we are so happy to have him permanently in the family now.

Also, we don't want to forget to thank all the Brothers and Sisters that sent memorial donations after brother Tim Stone's sudden going home to glory. We were looking forward to him coming to the Camp to minister with us for awhile, just as he went to the Arctic with Larry a couple of years ago. We all miss him very much, but know that God must have had a reason to take him home so unexpectedly. We continue to lift his family and friends in prayer and ask that you all join with us also. God bless you all.

And last but not least, don't forget that Larry leaves for Africa Dec. 3rd and returns Feb.4th. Please remember him in your prayers every day for safety as he goes into remote and dangerous places and from diseases. Thank you so much!