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### “NEWS FROM AFRICA”

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Dear Fellow Laborers in Christ's Harvest Field,

WOW! So much to tell and not enough space! First, we hope you all had a blessed Christmas season and wonderful start to your New Year. Plus, we want to thank you all for working with us in Goff Ministries to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, here in the US and around the world! Your prayers and financial blessings have been very appreciated and very useful in making everything happen as God willed. We are looking forward to another great year of serving Christ and His purpose together with you all again this year. May God bless all of you in a special way and in the very ways that you need His blessings the most. Know that we love you and you are always in our hearts and prayers.

Well, Larry had a calling from the Lord in November; a still, small voice whispering in his mind, “Maasai, Maasai.” So we looked it up on the Internet and saw that most of the Maasai tribe is located in Kenya, Africa. Well, of course we immediately bought a ticket for him to go to Kenya, and the Lord took over and prepared the way and opened doors for him so swiftly it was amazing. We told you about Sister AnneLori in the last letter, how God used her to bring Larry together with Pastor Chris Simiu and his son Mike, and that relationship has grown and become a real help to the ministry in Africa. Mike met Larry at Nairobi airport on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and has been by his side ever since. He has been Larry's interpreter and constant companion in the ministry and is a real blessing. God has even called Mike to carry on the ministry that Larry has begun when he leaves. Glory to our great God!

From the very beginning God has been doing great miracles of salvation and physical healings. I can only recount a few for you here in the letter, but I can also tell you that they are daily occurrences. Very many of the small towns and remote villages that God has taken Larry to had never seen a white man and at first the people were afraid of him, especially the children. But, when they got the courage to touch him and see that he was real they fell in love with him because they felt the love and compassion of Christ flowing through Larry out to them. He has ministered in the open-air markets, in bars, in breweries, (every little village makes beer to sell), house to house, in hospitals and in a few churches. The response has been awesome! Many have prayed the prayer of salvation, and many have been healed. Praise Jesus!

He went to the hospital in Webuye and went from room to room praying for the sick ones. The next day he got word that many were healed and had left the hospital. One man came to the house and told Larry that his son had a broken leg, but after the prayer his son was healed and the father took him home. In one of the pictures we have enclosed you can see Larry praying for that child. In another village, Larry went to a little dirt floor bar and upon walking in the door God led him to one specific man. Then God revealed this man's entire life to Larry and as Larry told him things that only God could have revealed to him the man fell on his knees and repented and wanted to accept Jesus into his heart. That man's brother heard about and saw the change in his brother and was so profoundly touched that he named his newborn son after Larry. You can see Larry, holding the baby Larry, in one of the pictures.

Finally Larry was able to get back in the bush to a remote tribe that have never been reached with the gospel, not even by the local Christians much less by a white missionary. They are called the Pokot tribe, a branch off the Maasai tribe, as are all the tribes in that area. The actual Maasai tribe is enclosed in a National Park and has had a lot of contact with the outside world. But God used that word to get Larry in a position to reach the other tribes that have not heard the gospel. Larry spent a few days back in a remote Pokot village and God provided an interpreter for them also. They received him with open arms and he ministered almost 24/7 while with them. They gave him his own mud hut with grass roof to stay in, with dirt floor, a fire pit, a bed made out of mud and a dried cowhide to sleep on. There is very little water and it is difficult to get, so there was no way to bathe. I had sent some disinfectant wipes with him, so that's how he bathed. Then he found out that some of the men in that village had gone, two weeks before, and attacked another tribe, (the Trukana tribe) and rustled their cattle and killed 13 people. The Trukanas were threatening to retaliate and had been seen around the village with rifles, so Larry's interpreters felt they should leave till things calmed down, which they did.

They returned to a village named Alale, which is a little more civilized Pokot village. The next day Larry went to minister at the market place with his guitar and came back walking through the village with people stopping him all along the way to ask for prayer. As he got to the outer edge of the village a lady came running after him with a baby tied on her back and carrying a 6 year old girl in her arms. She yelled for him to wait so he sat down by a small creek because he was quite exhausted by this time. The lady finally caught up with him and said my daughter is sick; she can't walk. This child evidently had had some kind of disease that had paralyzed her and she hadn't been able to walk for some time. She put the child in Larry's arms and he just sat there and held her and prayed silently for her. He then put her down and said, “You're healed!” As she stood there a man from the village saw this and said, “She can't stand, she's paralyzed!” The mother reached out and picked the girl up, just out of habit, but the girl said, “Let me down!” When the woman put the child down she began to walk to everyone's amazement! As Larry turned to walk away, the girl began to run along side of her mother and everyone that saw her cried out; stunned to see her walking. The word of this healing spread through the village and Jesus received much praise and glory for this mighty miracle! Hallelujah!! We truly serve an awesome God who is the same yesterday, today and forever!!

After this, Larry called and asked Vaughn to buy and mail to him a video projector and a few Christian movies, especially the movie "Jesus", from the book of Luke. Which Vaughn did, he mailed it on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and it arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. It is still in customs, and has not been released. We know the enemy is behind this and we ask you to pray with us for the equipment to be released and get to Larry quickly so he can use it before he comes home. He is due to leave for home on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, so that's not much time, but with God's intervention it can be done! This movie would be such an asset to preaching the gospel to a people that can't read or write, have no schools, no medical clinics, or hardly even any clothes; a primitive people who have no electricity and certainly have never seen a movie. God has already provided a generator and all is ready as soon as the projector arrives. Many times Customs want bribes to release a special piece of equipment, but with prayer God can touch the heart of the right person to release it. PTL! Larry is back with the Pokot, continuing to minister while waiting.

Before Larry returned to the Pokot people, he was ministering in a village called, Saiwa. One day having sat down in the middle of a field under a tree to rest, seven native men walked up to him and said, "We are elders from the Nandi tribe and we heard of a white man that is telling people about Jesus. We want to invite you to our village to tell us about this Jesus." They had quite a few teenage boys going through a manhood ritual for a month and they were returning the next day so there would be a big celebration. So Larry went to their village and met in a large hut with some 30 or more elders of the tribe. He was able to minister for hours to them, he sang and gave his own testimony too. Then the boys returned from their month in the jungle, living only in cow skins and being beaten with large sticks every night as part of their ritual of becoming men. The boys were back in their normal clothes. They folded and handed the cow skins to their mothers and then went in the hut with the elders to receive their "Life Counsel". The elders spoke at length to the boys and Larry's interpreter, Mike, told him that the elders said, "We have a great white father with us who has come and given us great words of wisdom which we are passing on to you." Mike said that the elders told the boys everything that Larry had told them. Glory to God! Also Larry found out that there were elders from every Nandi village at this meeting. So when he is able and has the time to go to them he will already be known and accepted in all the villages.

The Nandi's are also an unreached tribe, still primitive with no modern conveniences either. Actually He has found that there are about 4-6 tribes who have never had a witness of the gospel in them. This ministry is just beginning, and Larry plans to go back next Nov. or Dec. It is rainy season from March to October, which means you are confined to one place, unable to travel, so you can't get much done in the rainy season. It is much like the Amazon seasons there. In fact it is almost located on the equator where our Amazon Mission Base is located, except on the other side of the world. There is so much work to do with these unreached tribes. Please pray with us for laborers and finances to accomplish this mission. We will be helping Brother Mike Simiu and his father Chris Simiu with finances to continue the ministry when Larry isn't present, as they live by faith just like we do.

There is so much more I could tell, but I better save a little space for other news and just say, if you would like to have Larry speak to your church or home group when he returns, please call and make arrangements, he will be glad to come share with you. The phone number is at the head of this letter. Also, Larry and Vaughn will be appearing on GLC Christian Television sometime in Feb. or March. We will try to post the date on the web site. I'm sure they will be showing a little slide show of the pictures from Africa. We hope many of you will be able to watch.

Now, just a quick update about The Good News Camp. Yes, it has still been going strong right up to Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had people there when Larry left, and more came right after. Some came for the 21 day program and other for just few days of spiritual fellowship. Sister Missy Denard has helped out wonderfully to fill the gap whenever Vaughn and Irene or Scott and Valene could not be at the camp.. She has the jail ministry in Abilene, TX, and many of the women who come to us do so through her ministry. Also, Esther and myself got to go help out a few days. We had a wonderful time. We had a lady named Kim and another lady named Renea there up until Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. I'm so happy to report that they both are doing fine, delivered from their addictions and hanging right in there following the Lord. They both have jobs now and are beginning to get their lives turned around. We are so happy for them and thank all of you who have donated and helped us keep the camp going. Right now, God has given us a little resting space, but I'm sure shortly we will have new people coming in. Please continue to keep the camp in your prayers. Also, I don't want to forget to tell you that we got the storm shelter in the ground. Kenneth and Sharon Bond came down and stayed a week with their equipment to bury it. Larry, Scott, and Joel helped on it too. The Bond's daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Abel Hilario donated the money for all the materials and cement to get it in the ground. We all thank them so very much for their generosity. We will all feel safer during some of the bad windstorms that move through there, and we will certainly feel safer during tornado season. God bless them all!

Scott and Valene had a bad car accident on Christmas day. Thank the Lord that nobody was hurt, but they did damage their truck. Because we don't have anyone at the camp right now, Scott and Valene are looking for work to take care of some financial needs and obligations. Please pray that God will provide them with good jobs.

Again, we all say God bless you and thank you all for ministering with us and helping us reach the lost for Christ wherever in the world he takes us! You will all receive your rewards the same as those who do the going. We couldn't do it without you!

As always, on the front lines for Jesus,

THE GOFF'S

Larry and Betty

Vaughn, Irene Esther, Ephraim and Benjamin

And Scott and Valene Smith and Joel (Scott's son)



Larry praying for boy with broken leg in hospital.



Larry with the baby that was named after him.



Children praising the Lord with Larry



Larry with Kenyan family



Larry sitting with Pokot Chief



Larry with Pokot people.

