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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We all greet you in the precious name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and hope this letter finds you all doing well and prospering in the service of the Lord. We haven't written for a while, but we haven't forgotten to pray for you, and thank you all for praying for us also. It seems like in these last days we all need to pull together for each other and we want you to know we appreciate each one of you so very much and all you do for this ministry and us. You each have a part and will receive your reward for it. Praise the Lord!

I want to mention that Larry and I had our 50th anniversary on May 6th. Forty-seven of those years have been in the work of the ministry in 18 countries. We thank God for leading and guiding us to carry out the Great Commission that Jesus called us to do, that is, seeking and saving the lost. For those of you who don't already know, I'll share some wonderful blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us these last 50 years. We have four children who all serve the Lord in ministry, with all their hearts, Valerie, Victor, Valene and Vaughn. We have 16 grandchildren who, all but two also serve the Lord, and five step-grandchildren of whom we only really know two of them. We also have 17 great grandchildren and one more due in October. Our quiver is definitely full and we are so blessed. We also have been blessed with wonderful daughters-in law and sons-in law that we love as though there were born to us and couldn't be happier to have as a part of our family. These great children gave us a surprise 50th anniversary party on the same day as Esther's graduation party. We really were caught by surprise and enjoyed it so much and everyone who got to come. Thanks for all the cards and gifts we appreciate them so much.

I mentioned Esther's graduation from Texas Tech University with a double major, Chemistry and Biology, on May 15th. We are so proud of her. She started a pre-course in medical school on the 24th, in Galveston, Texas. She's already moved there and is doing fine. Continue to pray for her. Vaughn will tell more in his part of the letter. Also, Victor's son Caleb graduated from high school. We are so proud of him too; he has worked so hard to get this far and is looking forward to getting a job and later on going to college. He has special needs so please pray for him too.

Larry has also written a part of this letter, which will follow this, but I want to tell you that Valene and Scott will again be ministering with us. They felt they had fulfilled their time in Canyon Lake Texas, and Larry had really been desiring that they join him in the ministry to the gangs down in Corpus Christi, Texas, but didn't want to influence them. He is so happy that God has led them to be with him. They had been going down every few weeks to help him over a weekend anyway but now they'll be able to accomplish so much more, being together all the time. There is an old saying that comes from the scriptures that is so true, "One can put a thousand to flight and two can put ten thousand to flight and a three-fold cord is not easily broken." Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go out late at night into dangerous places. Thanks.

I of course have to stay in Lubbock to care for my parents, as long as they need me. I did go spend three weeks with Larry in Rockport though, in April. Then he came home for the graduations in May. So, Larry and I do get to be together as often as possible and we talk on the phone lots every day. Larry is doing great, and so am I, though I do have bone spurs on my spine now and can't be on my feet much, but I'm fine, the Lord blesses me and helps me every day. I go to water exercise three times a week and that seems to help too. I'll go now thanking you all again for remembering this ministry and us. I send you lots of love and prayers. Keep your eyes on JESUS!

Love in Christ, Betty

From Larry:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Never has it been harder to keep our focus on the lost and I believe it is going to get even harder. But we cannot and we will not stop searching for the lost sheep that are waiting for their Shepherd, Jesus Christ to find them. Dear children of God it is time for the testing of your faith. Like it says in I Peter 1:6-9 and Rev. 3:5, "Jesus will return when there are no more of His lost sheep to be found".

One night I had gone out to look for some of these lost sheep. It was about midnight and I was talking to Betty on the phone, telling her goodnight. I was telling Betty that there was a big carnival in Corpus Christi. She immediately said, "I bet that's Buccaneer Days. Ask someone?" So I asked a couple of ladies that were seated at the next table. They said it was. Then one of the women asked why I was there so late at night? So I shared that God had called me to Corpus Christi and the surrounding area to spread the gospel to the street gangs and others that were lost and didn't know Jesus. At first they didn't trust me, but said that they really hoped it was true because these young people really needed help and they had a burden for them too. Then they began to tell me how they each went to a different

church and were faithful to go and do what their church taught, but there was no life in their churches and that they were empty and unfulfilled. They were so hungry for more of God and a deeper walk with Him. As I shared with them for the next hour and a half, the Holy Spirit's presence came upon them and they said that the Lord had led them there to fill their hungry souls. I encouraged them to get together and pray and read God's word for themselves and let God show them how they too could be used to reach these young gang people for the Lord.

Then about 2:00 a.m., a gang of 9 boys from 13-15 yrs. old came in. I told their leader how Satan was the cause of the gangs killing each other and that the Lord teaches in His word that, "We do not fight against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers of evil." Also, that Satan had been using this strategy from the beginning, when he got Adam to blame Eve and Eve to blame the serpent. Then I told them to join Jesus Christ, the leader of my gang and fight the real war, which is spiritual. The leader of the boys had been listening intently to what I was saying. He then spoke to the boys and said, "Everything this man has said is true and don't ever forget it." Then they all got up and left, but I know who does my follow-up work, the light that Jesus left in the world, The Holy Spirit! Please pray for the two women and the gang of teens, that the seed that was planted in their hearts will grow. I have faith that it will and someday I may get to see some fruit of it.

On a different night I was again talking to Betty on the phone as I was passing through Aransas Pass. The Lord used her to tell me to go to a bar called Bonnie's Place. She had noticed it when she had been down spending time with me. There were about 10 people in the bar. I just went in and sat at the bar and someone asked whom I was and why I was there, being as they had never seen me there before. I told them, "I am a preacher." They were astonished and asked, "What's a preacher doing in a bar?" I said, "Well, Jesus walked in here and I follow Him wherever He goes." They looked around and said, "You mean Jesus is here?" So I began to minister to them and sing them some gospel songs, as I had taken in my guitar with me. I have special songs the Lord has given me to sing to the different kinds of people I minister to, that speaks to their hearts and has meaning to them. After about an hour another man came into the bar. He was filled with an evil spirit and ordered me to stop singing and preaching about Jesus while he was there. He was a war veteran and said he had killed religious people before and it wouldn't bother him to kill one more. He spoke very loud and rough, so the bartender lady told him not to speak to this preacher that way, to show a little respect. Others started to tell him to stop it also, but I told them, "No, let him speak!" I turned to the man and said, "Say whatever you like sir, I understand, just let it all out." He suddenly jumped up and ran out the door. The people were amazed and wondered how I did that. They said he was a bad man and had hurt a lot of people in there before. I told them that the demon in him knew the Spirit of Jesus Christ was in me and couldn't stay in the same room. I then asked everyone in there to join hands and I prayed for that man and all of them. I asked God to bless them for receiving God's servant and His word. They shed many tears and asked me to please not leave. I told them that Jesus left His Holy Spirit that would lead and guide and teach them if they would receive Him into their hearts and follow Him. I told them that the world can't follow Him, because they can't see Him, so you must follow Him by faith. One of the men followed me to my car and asked me, "Who are you really?" I said, "Sir you know Jesus who lives in me and that's why you followed me out here." I held him in my arms as he wept. Then I told him to start walking in the Light as He is in the Light and to go back in the bar and tell the others that Jesus Christ is available for everyone who believes. There are many, many more testimonies I could share but this is enough for now. I thank all of you who have prayed for me, who have come and ministered with me, and all who will continue to stand with me to reach these lost sheep for Christ. God Bless you all.

One more thing I want to share with you. There has been a shocking rise in suicide. This evil spirit is telling even those who have confessed Christ and been baptized, to go ahead and kill yourself for it is written that nothing can separate you from the love of God. This same satanic spirit came to our Lord Jesus when it told him to jump off the highest pinnacle of the temple, because it was written that the angels would catch him and he wouldn't get hurt. But Jesus said, "It is written that you shall not tempt the Lord thy God." Luke 4:9-12. Today, these poor souls may have once received the Word of the Lord with joy, but the cares of the world have come and choked it out. Sadly their souls end in hell and then they realize they listened to and obeyed a voice that didn't come from the Lord. Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice and they won't listen to a stranger." John 10:4-5. I encourage you to share this truth with anyone you know who may be having suicidal thoughts. God bless you, I love you all.

On the front lines for Jesus, Larry

Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

Wow! Is it June already? My, My how the time flies. I cannot begin to tell you all that has happened since I last wrote to you. It all seems like a blur. God has been working so fast since the beginning of the year, that Irene and I have scarcely had time to breathe. But through it all God has done many great things in our lives and at the Good News Camp.

Each month new souls have come to the camp to change their lives through a personal relationship with Jesus. It was a hard winter but that did not stop people from coming. It has been a blessing for me to spend three weeks out of each month sharing the love of Jesus with these hurting souls, in spite of the harsh conditions that had to be endured.

It seemed like winter would never end, but at last spring came, and with it all the renewal of life and beauty that spring brings. I wish you could have come to visit the camp during this spring; the ground was blanketed with a wonderful array of flowers. All of God's creation was bursting forth with life. The many harsh winter snowstorms and blizzards that we suffered through rewarded us by transforming the landscape into breathtaking beauty. As I saw this transformation taking place in front of my eyes, it reminded of what happens to a person when they truly give their life to Jesus, it's like springtime. It doesn't matter how harsh or how long the winter of sin they have

lived in, or how cold the blizzards of pain and hurt they have endured. When they truly give their life to Jesus all of it can be transformed into breathtaking beauty. This is something we get to see out here at the camp as we minister the love of Jesus to those hurting souls who come here.

If that were not enough, the Lord has also been answering our prayers about several needs at the camp. The first thing the Lord provided was the funds to wall in and insulate the camp pavilion so that we could have some relief from the intense summer heat. Last year several camp attendees had to leave due to the unbearable heat. Having lived in the Amazon for many years I was able to bear it, but not without enduring several blistering heat burns from being baked under the metal roof. We intended to complete this project during the spring but were hindered due to many storms and some other things that I will talk about next. We hope to complete this project soon as it is already getting hot.

One of the reasons we have been delayed in completing the remodel on the camp pavilion is because of another tremendous blessing that was an answer to three years of prayers. Are you ready for this? The Lord has provided the camp with a brand new doublewide modular home for Irene and I to live in! God is SO AWESOME! I know many of you were praying for this and all I can say is thank you for your prayers. This was a complete surprise with no warning. Irene and I were planning to use our income tax returns that we had saved over the last three years to build a small basic 24 X 24 foot shed- like structure to live in. We were very excited about building it this summer. One morning towards the end of March, I got a call from a number I did not recognize. I did not answer it because I was right in the middle of an intense bible study with the camp attendees. I was telling them that they could trust God to provide all their needs if they will just put God first in their lives. Irene was cooking lunch at the stove and her phone started ringing, after I did not answer mine. As I was teaching I glanced over at her and noticed a look of shock on her face as she listened to someone on the phone. When I glanced again I saw tears streaming down her face. I stopped teaching and went over to her to see what was going on. So overcome with emotion that she could hardly breathe, she whispered, "Someone just gave us a new home for the camp." I turned around and said, "Guys, I just told you 30 seconds ago that if you put God first in your life He will provide all your needs. Well, you have seen me live here with you, away from my wife and kids, so that I could teach you about God. You have heard me pray for God to make a way for my wife to be here at the camp with me full time. I want you to know right now that God is faithful to His word. God has just provided a new home for my wife here at the camp as I was talking to you!"

I cannot begin to thank all of you for your prayers. This story will not be complete until I tell you about the home itself. To sum it up in a nutshell, I could not have designed a modular home more suited to the rustic nature of the camp if I tried. This home looks like a log cabin inside and out. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord custom designed this house for the camp. What an Awesome and Wonderful God we serve!!

I have two more praises to give before I finish. As many of you know, our daughter Esther has had a calling on her life since the age of thirteen to be a medical missionary to third world countries. She has faithfully, with unwavering dedication, pursued this calling ever since. Well, I am overjoyed to share with you that on May 15th she graduated from Texas Tech University with not one, but two degrees, chemistry and biology, and on May 24th she started medical school at UTMB Galveston where she was specially selected to receive advanced training during this summer. The hand of the Lord is clearly upon her as she follows the Lord's calling upon her life. Please keep her in your prayers.

Most of you may not be aware of the fact that my son Ephraim has been working with me at the Good News camp since last year. Another brother named Joshua Brown has also been volunteering at the camp for many months now. They have been a huge help to me and I wanted make mention of them so that you could keep them in your prayers. Ephraim and Joshua are both talented musicians and have been led by the Lord to start a Gospel band. As I write this letter they are playing a concert for a youth camp in Dickens, Texas called Cross View Christian Camp. They want to use their talents to share the love of Jesus to the world through music. The Lord has gifted Ephraim with the gift of song writing and he has written some incredible songs that I know will touch those who hear them. They are eager to glorify God with their music, especially with the youth. So, if you know of any opportunities where they could do so please call Ephraim at: 806-787-5311. I know they will bless you as they follow God's calling on their lives. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

Well, once again I have to bring this letter to a close. There is so much more to tell and I have only scratched the surface of those things I did tell you. If the Lord permits, I will try to write sooner the next time. I just want you all to know how grateful all of us at Goff Ministries are for your prayers and support. We could not do this without you. I know the Lord is and will continue to bless you for all that you do for this ministry. May the Lord God of Heaven in who's Kingdom we live be with you and may He lead you by His Holy Spirit. Amen

Servants of our Lord,
Vaughn, Irene, Esther, Ephraim & Benjamin.

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