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Dear Family of God,

Greetings in the glorious name of Jesus our Lord, from myself (Vaughn) and all the rest here at Goff Ministries. I pray that this letter finds you renewed in body, mind and spirit.

I cannot believe that it is already May! Wow! Where does the time go? This year has been extremely busy on all fronts and the Lord has moved in many ways. There is so much to tell you, but I will have to keep it short, because, this newsletter is a very special newsletter with two new contributors that I think will touch you and encourage you. My two older children, Esther and Ephraim, are both serving the Lord and are going on mission trips to Uganda and Honduras within a month, and I have asked them to share their hearts with you. So I cannot be as long winded as I normally am, in this newsletter.

There are two exciting things I want to tell you about. The first is that Dad (Larry) will be headed for the Arctic the first week of June. He'll be leaving Lubbock, TX on May 20<sup>th</sup> and ministering along the way through the States before entering Canada. He will be driving all the way up to the town of Inuvik in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Brother, Rocky Denard, will be traveling with him on this trip. The Lord blessed Dad with a nice 2005 Dodge pickup to use on this trip. We put a camper shell on it to be used as a sleeping area for Dad and Rocky. This will enable them to not have to set up a tent along the road every night and will afford a little better protection from the elements and animals, (Dad, Ephraim and I were charged by a huge Grizzly while camping in a tent along the Dempster Highway the last time we made this trip). Please keep them in your prayers and especially pray for God's provision for the Denard's as Rocky had to take three months time off from his job to make this trip with dad. I know this will be an incredible trip that will bring much glory to God and see lost souls saved. I can't wait to see what the Lord is going to do.

The second thing I want to talk to you about is The Good News Camp. For more then a year now the Lord has been stirring mine and Irene's spirit to expand the scope of this ministry. At first we were not sure where the Lord was leading, but after months of prayer and seeking the Lord's will, He has made it clear what it is that He is leading us to do. The Lord has confirmed it in the mouths of every person we have talked to about it. We are extremely excited about what the Lord is doing with this ministry and have already started to make preparations to accomplish His will. I know that you will be excited as well, when you hear what it is.

This new program is going to be called, S.P.I.R.I.T, which stands for "Spiritual and Physical Instruction for Reaching Isolated Territories". What we are talking about is an elite missionary training program for young men that have a strong calling to reach remote and isolated peoples. Dad and I combined have eighty years of experience in doing exactly this. The knowledge and experience we have has taken many decades to amass. Dad and I both feel that the Lord is saying it is time to pass this knowledge and experience on to a new generation of Timothy's that will carry our unique style missionary work on, even when we are gone.

We are so excited about what the Lord is doing with this ministry. I will have to wait to share more about the program in our next newsletter, because I need to leave room for the letters from Esther and Ephraim. Esther will be in Uganda by the time you get this.

This part is from Nathan and Esther.

Dear Family,

We hope our letter finds you well! We are so excited to be writing to you about what the Lord has been doing here in Galveston and what He will be doing in the future. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. We have really felt them for this first year of new schooling and transition. Esther has been enjoying medical school but it definitely requires a lot of study and discipline. As many of you may or may not know, the Lord put on my heart to also enter the medical field so that when He calls us to the mission field, Esther and I can work together as a team. So, I am studying here at the local community college for my pre-requisite courses for nursing school. The Lord has been gracious and I have been doing well in my science courses. I am still continuing courses, one class at a time online, through Dallas Theological Seminary for my Cross-Cultural Ministries program, which has been a great blessing to learn God's Word with teachers who have been missionaries themselves!

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Christ has been so good to us here in this new place! We've found a small church with a heart for loving the people of Galveston and sharing the Gospel. The church is young but very active and we have volunteered to be a part of the developing international missions team. Please pray for us and the Vineyard church as we seek the Lord's will as a Body to know where in the world God is calling all of us to serve. Also, at UTMB (Esther's medical school), we fellowship with the Christian Medical Association (CMA) and it's been amazing to find such strong believers here! And not just students but also many physicians and faculty are so bold with their faith and their love for Jesus as they try to care for their patients and help the medical students. One of the doctors here personally told us that he was called to UTMB to train up physicians who were led to the foreign mission field! There are many physicians like him and this school actually has one of the best global health programs in the state (Esther will talk more about this in a bit). We are now co-leaders for the CMA Bible studies and pray for the Lord to speak through us for our fellow brethren but especially to the many students here who do not know Jesus as Savior.

So, that's the gist of what's been going on with us. But I want Esther to share about an awesome opportunity she has this summer to go to Africa with the global health program...

Well, this year has been full of ups and downs for me as medical school is unlike any studying I've had to do before! But it's all been a joyful ride as I know that the Lord is in complete control! Having Nathan beside me is a blessing that is immeasurable. God has really strengthened our marriage and pushed us to trust and love the Lord even more than we had before. I started the year with hopes of going to Cambodia because that is the area God is ultimately calling us to serve. Unfortunately, the hospital I wanted to serve with really needed a student with more experience. So, I applied for a program in China to work with family doctors in rural clinics, but they ended up not having enough space for me to come. But the Lord had already opened doors that I was unaware of! When I told my global health director about my dilemma, he immediately told me he needed me to go to Uganda! I put my name down and now I will be in Uganda for 6 weeks working with a maternity clinic! Please keep this trip in your prayers as I hope I can be a great help to the doctors and patients there. The clinic is a mission and is funded by many churches in Uganda, so pray for their continued support so they can keep taking care of mommies and babies. I know that I also will learn a great deal from how clinics are run in Africa and most parts of the world. You know that Goff Ministries serves in really unusual places and I've been blessed to help evangelistically but never in a clinic before. I can't tell you how thrilled I am! Please remember Nathan as he will be staying here in the states continuing to work and study. Pray for me because I will miss his constant support and encouragement. But we remember Colossians 2: 5 "For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong," and we pray for all of you also, knowing that one day soon we will all be joined together in glory with our Lord and King! Until then, may the Lord keep us steadfast for Him and for the lost! We love you and miss you all!

In Christ alone,  
Nathan and Esther Robbins

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This part if from Ephraim.

Greetings, in our Lord Jesus Christ. I praise God for each of you who reads this letter. I am Ephraim Goff. The son of Vaughn Goff and grandson of Larry Goff. I'm certain that some, if not all, of you who have kept tabs on my families ministry have, at one point or another, heard mention of me. Whether by ear at a meeting or by eye through a newsletter. I'm very glad to formally introduce myself to the wonderful and faithful men and women of God who have supported Goff Ministries over the last 40+ years, with whose support God has used time and time again to impact nation after nation for the fulfillment of His commission. You have my deepest gratitude.

Since this is my first newsletter I have decided to outline how things will progress, as to give the reader more of an understanding of who I am and how I function.; both as a minister and a human being. The following paragraphs will make up the entirety of the newsletter in three separate parts. First, being a shortened version of my personal testimony. Secondly, a short and concise introduction to my personal ministry endeavors as well as my joint-ministry endeavors with Goff Ministries. Lastly, an in-depth look into what the future holds, for myself, in regards to ministry.

For the many of you who do not know me personally, I want to tell you a brief version of my testimony. I grew up in the household of Vaughn Goff as my father. I was immersed in a Godly community with a Godly upbringing my whole life. When I was 13, my family was called back into full-time ministry in Brazil. Needless to say I was not fond of the idea of leaving my friends and life of luxury to move to the Amazon jungle. But at my father's command I went. It was during the three and a half years I spent in the Amazon, that the love of God took root in my heart in a real and tangible way. When I was 14, I had my first real experience with the love of God where His weight of Glory crushed me beneath His

overwhelming love for me and for people. Ever since, even though trials, temptations, and stumbling has occurred, God has been faithful to lead me in the path of progressive righteousness regardless of my shortcomings. ***“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” - Romans 3:23***

I am 20 now, going on 21 this August and God’s work has manifested itself in me several different ways. One of the more major ways is through the gift of music. I play the guitar as well as write songs. Until recently I had pursued a career in music only to find that the end of the road, for me, was that it was a prideful endeavor. **(Visit [www.noisetrade.com/ephraimgoffofficial](http://www.noisetrade.com/ephraimgoffofficial) for my music)** So casting that aside, God has used the skills I learned from being immersed in the music industry to work in another, and ultimately, more powerful way. I’ve become very proficient at event planning and coordination. My latest event was a rather large Christian Concert with several major Christian bands. Namely; Seventh Day Slumber and Manic Drive. It was put on, for free, in Coleman, TX as a benefit to reach the youth of that city. God showed up in incredible ways and moved many, many hearts to a deeper knowledge of Himself.

As well, God has blessed me with a wonderful small group community through the college ministry of Beltway Park Baptist Church here in Abilene, TX. In March we took a week long mission trip to the DFW Metroplex where we did outreach for the week all over the area. Many people were healed of blindness, deafness, sickness, and many were delivered from spiritual darkness and strongholds and a multitude of people were brought to salvation. God was present and moving in power through our group. As far as my ministry with my family goes, I have been living on site, at the Good News Camp Rehabilitation Center for 3 years now. I do work mainly as a ranch hand and on occasion God allows me to minister directly with our clients. God continues to bless us as we seek to lift up His name.

To start wrapping this letter up, I want to talk about my future endeavors’ in the areas of ministry. The main thing I want to share is my upcoming mission trip to Honduras. I’m going to be going with the Beltway College ministry from June 3-13. I’ll be learning more about exactly what we’ll be doing and what part we will be in this weekend. God has blessed me so much by allowing me to go. He is also faithful with funding though I still have some to pay off. If those of you who read this would be willing to join alongside me in prayer preceding the trip, I would greatly appreciate it.

Here are some points of prayer:

- That God will be with us in our hearts and minds and guide us in righteousness for His glory.
- For the brothers and sisters going with me on the mission trip.
- For our safety during the mission trip.
- For our hearts and the hearts of the people to be open to receive what God is going to do in us.
- For full funding for all of my teammates. (\$1,500 each)
- For humble and gracious hearts.

So here we are at the end of this letter. Thank you for taking the time to get to know me and I pray God blesses you for your support of our ministry. I want to leave you all with this:

***“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” - Matthew 5:13-16 ESV***

Your Brother and Fellow Servant of Christ, Ephraim Goff

Vaughn, here again. Please keep both Ephraim and Esther in you prayers as they seek to be a light for Jesus. There is no way we can tell you how important your prayers and support are to us. We love each and every one of you. Without your faithfulness to God and this ministry, none of these things would be possible. You are always in our hearts and prayers.

In Christ Service,  
Larry & Betty, Vaughn & Irene (and Benjamin), Nathan & Esther, and Ephraim.