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Dear Fellow Laborers in the harvest field,

We pray this finds all of you doing well and still out there winning souls for Christ's kingdom. We think of you often and always pray for you. We are all part of this ministry and we couldn't do our part without your help and prayers. So may God continue to lead, guide and bless you each one. You mean so much to us and to the Lord too.

Well, on to our quarterly newsletter. As you may remember when we last wrote, Larry was headed to the Northwest Territories of Canada, (The Arctic). Brother Rocky Denard from Abilene went along to help Larry with the driving, the physical work, and ministry, of course. They left on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They stopped to minister to old friends and new people all along the way. It took over a month to get to the final destination, Inuvik, with much done for the Lord everywhere they stopped. There isn't room enough to tell everything, so Larry will recount just a few of the highlights and pray it blesses you and lifts your faith to know you were a part of it.

I couldn't be more excited right now over what the Lord has done and is doing with His body the church. The Holy Spirit is leading more clearly in my life than ever before. The trip to the Arctic will confirm this. We stopped on a road in British Columbia, for roadwork. As we were stopped, a man from back behind us came to the truck window and said, "You have come all the way from Texas I see." I told him we were headed to the Northwest Territories to the Eskimos to check on some believers, that I had led to Christ seven years ago. He said, "Please come to my house for coffee, I just live up the road." We agreed to follow this excited brother to his house. What a divine appointment God had in store! We ending up not only ministering to this Christian family, Bob and Myrna Lieuwen and children, most of the night, but also to a group of teens that had come to do some horseback riding. We spent the night and as we were leaving the next day Myrna gave us a book of photography that she had published. Here are some of the precious comments written to us inside the book. "I hope one day to be like you, following Jesus wherever, whenever, no matter the circumstances. I would give up a 1000 horse rides to have this night over again. God bless you dear brother." April Lieuwen "It was SO God-ordained that I happened to be here in B.C. to be encouraged and challenged by God through both of your stories. Thank you. Go in God's power and love always. Jeremy Hoaghiem "Dear brother, Wow! What an encouragement from God to hear your passion, to hear how incredibly God has led you & filled you & used you! God use me! Thank you so much for trusting God & following Him to the ends of the earth! God bless you brothers! In Christ, Jackie" "What a blessing to hear God's voice and follow Him. Thank you for sharing your stories with us. It has been inspirational! God bless you and keep you! Melissa" These are a few, there are more but we can't share them all. We were excited to be used by God to bless this family and their friends, and they were a great blessing to us too.

Later on as we continued our journey, we turned on an unknown road to an unknown lake. We set up our camp, as that is how we slept every night. The next day, a boatload of Taltan Indians came to our camp. Rocky and I began to testify to them and play gospel music for them with the guitar. I had never heard of the Taltan tribe before this. They were so receptive to the music and teachings about Christ. They left, but came back a couple of hours later with two beautiful Lake Trout for us to eat. The following day they came back with a different boat-load of Taltans. We sang and preached to them for several hours. When we parted, I told them that if God were willing I would return next year to minister more with their tribe. They said, "You will always be welcomed on our land." The following day we learned why the Lord had stopped us at that point, because the road had been washed out five days earlier and we had to wait for it to be repaired before we could proceed. Praise the Lord for His divine guidance.

We finally arrived in, Inuvik, our final destination. The Guitchin believers in Sickachick were so excited to see us. Two of the sisters are named Beverly. I had led Beverly Moore to the Lord seven years ago. Next day at breakfast, the other Beverly who was not a believer, came running through the door. I felt she had a problem so I put my arm around her and asked, "What is the problem?" She cried, "That her daughter, Valerie, had overdosed on drugs and alcohol and was in the hospital. The hospital had just called to say they couldn't save her and had removed the life support. We all prayed to Jesus and bound the spirit of fear and prayed for God to heal her daughter. Later that night we arrived in Inuvik at these Eskimo believers house for a Bible study. As we were singing, many Guichin believers came though the door. A beautiful young lady that I did not know came and threw her arms around me. I asked her what her name was? She said, "I am Valerie, the girl you prayed for this morning!" I was so stunned to learn that when they removed the life support, God raised her up and literally snatched her from the door of death. Her mother then testified that from now on she was making Jesus Christ her Lord. We all rejoiced late into the night over this glorious miracle! Hallelujah!

The next day, Beverly Moore said she would like to be baptized, but first she wanted to know exactly what that meant? That night we had a Bible study and I taught all the believers that baptism meant that when we receive Christ as Savior, our spirits were made one with Jesus Christ's Spirit when He went to the cross and died for our sins. Also our spirits were made one with His Spirit in His burial and His resurrection and we were also made one with His Spirit when He sat down at the right hand of God. Eph. 2:4&5. I also taught that your baptism is a public testimony that you believe in your oneness with Jesus Christ.

The following day we took Beverly down to the muddy Mackenzie River and baptized her with witnesses from the town present and other believers too. This so moved, Lena, another Guichim sister, that she also wanted to be baptized. Later, Beverly came to me and handed me a little yellow purse that she said had been handed down in the family for generations. It was her sacrificial tobacco purse. That may sound strange to you, but in the Arctic the native tribes worship the creation instead of the creator and they sacrifice tobacco to the spirits so as to protect them from evil. Beverly said, with much joy, "I don't need this any more because I now know that the creator lives in me!" Glory to God!

Some days later, another Guichim man came and asked us to go with him to the hospital to pray for his mother-in-law, Emma Lou, who was dying from cancer. When we arrived we found her lying in bed all filled with tubes and such and the room filled with people from her village of Aklavik. I have to sidetrack here a little bit. 7 years before I had driven the ice road to Aklavik to minister during the wintertime. I was given permission to sleep in the convenience store and only met two people, a lady and a man. I of course shared the gospel with them, but left the next day feeling I had not really got to complete my mission there. Now, back to Inuvik at the hospital. Rocky and I prayed for the sick woman and then began to visit with the others in the room. I told them I had been to Aklavik that winter day, and the woman and the man that I had ministered to, said "Yes, we remember you and have told the others in the village about you and your teaching us about God." What joy that brought to my heart, that the word of the Lord that I had shared that one night had grown and spread throughout that village. I told them that I would try and come to their village at a future time, in the summer, by boat or plane, to teach them more. The next day, Rocky and I went back to visit the sick woman, and found her sitting up in a chair, dressed and waiting to be picked up and taken home. She was feeling great; all glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!

We had a wonderful time of ministry there in Inuvik and Sickachick but we had to head back as Rocky had to get home to his wife Missy who needed his help so we made a quick 14 day drive home. We did get to minister to people each night as we camped out though. We want to thank you all who support this ministry. One day you will meet face to face, in that heavenly city, your loving investment.

I want to especially thank Bro. Bob Lindley for the generous donation of the beautiful diesel truck to travel and sleep in. It is such a blessing to the ministry and also saved us from the bears! Ha! It made our 11,000-mile trip so much easier! May God bless each of you for your prayers and donations, our love to you all! Your faithful servant for Christ, Larry

A letter from Rocky: When I think back over the last two months, of all the things that God ordained, I have to believe that not even an atheist could believe in that many coincidences. The Lord began moving in my life before I ever left to confirm that I was supposed to help Larry with this mission trip. As we began ministering to the people that God had placed in the Goff family more than thirty years ago, I couldn't help but believe I was riding on the coattail of the anointment of a life of true missionary work.

I have met family members of this biker gang and heard stories about things that led up to testimonies of some hard men that came to Christ. I was really inspired when one of them told about the thing that means so much to him. It was a yellow, taped-together, 25 yr. old, letter from the jungles of South America. He pulled it out of a worn out bible and began to read how a family suffering the hardships in the jungle would send him a handwritten letter to encourage him to stay strong in the Lord there in Arizona. It caused me to be moved beyond words.

It is so important that we realize that right where we are standing is the mission field that God has for us. This began to be my theme in the trip as I watched God put people in Larry's path, and his boldness to talk to anyone, anywhere. I truly felt blessed to be along. Too many times to mention God opened doors that were never expected. As we drove across state lines and crossed the border into the Provinces of Canada, the same thing continued to unfold. The simple fact, that God's people need fellowship. No matter we went or what maturity level people were at, they all needed encouraging in the trials they were experiencing. We have an adversary that is at war with the fellowship of Jesus Christ. In some form, or in some area of their life, they are being attacked; some more than others, but all are under attack. I guess I thought I had the market cornered on that! Thank God we have the victory in Jesus. This life is not about this lifetime!

Once we arrived in Inuvik I began to see that God was already working in some hearts and preparing other ones. As we went to the homes, hospitals, bars and streets, I saw God move in the hearts of people. I saw a young lady that the doctors gave up on walk into our bible study the same day she was prayed for in the hospital. Another lady who was diagnosed with cancer sat up the next day completely free of pain-killers and her Iv's. I saw people receive the Word with joy and praise God that he answered one of their prayers.

I just want to encourage others to step beyond their comfort zone and allow God to make a way where there seems to be no way. I was truly blessed and want to thank you all for your prayers and support. Your brother in Christ, Rocky Denard

A note from Betty:

Dear brothers and Sisters, Again I thank you for your prayers and support. It is so important for you to know how blessed we are that God uses you to help us get the gospel out to the world, whether here in the US or in a foreign country. Lost souls are everywhere and that is our goal, to give them an invitation to come into the Kingdom of Christ. Also to encourage other believers to stay strong in their faith in these last days and receive encouragement ourselves as the day of the Lord draws closer.

As usual, I stayed in Lubbock, Texas to keep the administrative part of Goff Ministries going, along with the help of Vaughn of course. He does much more than I do, as he is a computer genius and I am computer illiterate. Also, I'm needed here to help my elderly parents who aren't getting any younger. In fact I'm not getting any younger either and did have a few minor health problems again while Larry was gone, but the Lord is always faithful to help me through those times and heal me. Glory to His name! I won't make this long as Vaughn will also add his part about what God has been doing at the camp and in their lives. Just remember that we pray for you every time you come to mind, which is often, and we send you tons of hugs and love in Christ. Your Sister in Christ, Betty

Vaughn here. Just a short note to tell you how much we appreciate your continued prayers and support for this ministry. In our last newsletter we told you that Dad and Rocky was headed to the Arctic, Esther was headed for Uganda and Ephraim was headed for Honduras. Well, I don't think I have to tell you that in order to tell you all the things that happened on each of these trips would take more than a book. It took dad and Rocky almost this whole newsletter just to touch on some of the highlights of their trip. Suffice it to say that the Lord worked mightily through both Esther and Ephraim in Uganda and Honduras. Irene and I thank you for your prayers of protection over them. Both of them are back in the US now and continuing their ministry here. I am so proud of both of them and the work God is doing in their lives.

Irene and I continue to minister here at the Good News Camp. It has been a long hot summer, but the Lord has helped us accomplish much. We are getting more Christians at the camp now that are coming for spiritual growth and encouragement. As the spiritual light of this world grows darker, many Christians are discovering that many of the things they have been placing trust in are crumbling and they are seeking to build a solid spiritual foundation based on Jesus (which is the solid Rock) and the clear teaching of scripture. I have long known that the Lord would be using the camp for this purpose and I am happy to see these precious wounded Christians finding truth and encouragement at the camp. We pray that the Lord will continue to bring more of his chosen here to be strengthened.

In July, Irene held here second annual women's conference and it was a huge success. All of the women that attended were strengthened in their personal walk with the Lord. Their only complaint was that Irene only holds one of these a year and they asked (insisted) that she hold them more often. We will be holding more of these conferences, for women as well as for men, as the Lord leads. If you would like to know when one of these events are going to happen, please email me and ask to be added to our email list. My email is: Vaughn@goffministries.org.

Well, I see the bottom of the page coming up fast and I guess I need to wrap things up. But before I go I want to remind you that the camp is here for you or anyone seeking to get closer to God. Consider it a place of refuge from this troubled world where anyone who is truly seeking can come and receive rest and spiritual renewing.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. Stay strong in the Lord and hold fast to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray that God's blessing will be poured out upon you.

Shining the truth of Jesus in this world filled with deception,  
Vaughn, Irene, Ephraim & Benjamin.