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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Again we apologize for being so long between letters, but a lot has been happening to prevent us having the time to sit and write one. As always, want you all to know that we do not forget to pray for you during the time we don't write, and we never stop ministering for Jesus either. We love and appreciate each of you and ask God to abundantly bless you in whatever manner you need. He loves you and He is able to do exceeding more that we can fathom! Praise His Holy Name! Thank you for your prayers and financial support too. You all working together with us are what keep this ministry going, and we love you for thinking of us. God bless you!

In the last letter, Larry and Orrin had just returned from Papua New Guinea and Larry was planning another trip to the Northwest Territories Canada by May. I had planned to make this trip with him, as God has provided us with a small 18ft. travel trailer so I could have a little more comfort. But God had other plans; at least He allowed our plans to be postponed. We trust in the leadership of the Holy Spirit and know that the Lord orders our steps, so I will try and take you through each step of our delay.

As you know from the last letter, that Orrin had come down with malaria. He got treated and he is doing fine. Well then, Larry came down with malaria too. We were a malaria outpost for the government of Brazil during our six years in the Amazon jungle, so we know the medicine to take, and some doctors worked with us, so we were able to treat Larry without him having to go to the hospital. It takes a few weeks to do the treatment, so we were delayed while he was going through that. Next, he came down with shingles and had to undergo treatment for that, which took a few more weeks. After he got through that treatment, I noticed a large swelling on his right side, a bulge actually. I made him go to the VA to get it checked out. The doctor felt something deep inside him and said she would schedule an ultra-sound to see what it was. We anticipated that it would be months before he got that appointment, so we continued to prepare to start on our trip. Well, 2 days later we got a call that they were sending him to UMC here in Lubbock to get the ultra-sound. We were pleasantly surprised, so we went. They did the ultra-sound and saw something they didn't like, so sent him to the emergency room, the quickest way to get a CT scan. We were 9 hrs. in the emergency room, but he got the CT scan and they could see more clearly that it was a large tumor. They admitted him that night, began to clean him out for a colonoscopy and did that the next day. Turned out that the inside of his colon was clear, so then they knew the tumor was on the outside of the colon, so we came home and did another more aggressive clean out routine and he went back in for emergency surgery two days later. He was five hours in the operating room. And yes, it was cancerous. It was the size of a large grapefruit, had been in him for at least ten years and would have killed him eventually if it had not been found when it was. Our God is so good to work all things together for our good! Hallelujah! The tumor is called an Apendacil Adnode Mucinous Carcinoma. It started on the appendix, and had caused the appendix to rupture and rot, at some point during the ten years. But God did a miracle to save Larry's life by having the tumor form a pocket up against the abdominal wall to hold all the poison and cancer cells away from the rest of his intestines. He never even knew he had had appendicitis. They took out the tumor, half his large colon, and 24 lymph nodes, and did biopsies on his liver, other organs and others parts of his intestines. Glory to our God they found NO other cancer cells, anywhere!!! Hallelujah!!!

Larry was in the hospital for ten days and has been taking it very easy at home recovering ever since. While there, Larry was using this time as a mission field to the whole staff, ministering to each doctor and nurse that came in his room to care for him. He had his guitar with him and when he was able, he played and sang for them too. He got to have precious intimate prayer with many of them that were in need of spiritual help. Also, a week or so after he came home, he and I took a few dozen giant muffins up there to the nurses station for all of them to share. They were so touched; some had tears in their eyes. We just wanted to thank them for the kind, and loving care they had all given him.

We want to thank all of those who knew about this and were praying from afar or up there in the hospital with all of our kids and some grandkids, praying during this whole ordeal. The family and I cannot express what a comfort it was and still is. Thank you, thank you!

Anyway, it looks like Larry and I are going to get to start on our trip after all. God willing, that is! We plan to leave Lubbock on July 7th and head over to Westminster, Maryland to minister with our dear sister, Kathy Brazil, and her church. Then we will go to Indiana with our dear brother and sister, Roger and Brenda Garrett and the believers there. Next we will go, up to Michigan to visit with Larry's sister Winona and family. She is his last living close relative and he really needs to visit with her. Then, we will head up to Ft. Resolution, Northwest Territories, Canada. So, please keep us in your prayers, for traveling mercies and also for both of our health and strength. We plan to go slow and take it as easy as possible so Larry's body can continue to heal from the surgery. We have the doctors okay, as long as he takes it very easy and doesn't get too fatigued or lift anything over 20 lbs. Pray for me as I try to help him do this, which is totally against his go-getter, impatient nature. This will be my biggest trial of the whole trip!

Well, I guess I'll close for now and say again, we love you each one and pray God's best blessings for you and yours.

Always serving our Lord Jesus,
Larry and Betty

Note from Vaughn.

To my fellow warriors on the battlefield for Christ Jesus; grace, faith and strength be yours in the Mighty name of Jesus. My appreciation and gratitude for each of you is of immeasurable proportions and mere words are inadequate to express them. I am writing just a short note here to let you know that I have not forgotten you as I know you have not forgotten me and to tell you of our plans.

I know that all of you, as I myself am, are concerned with many events that have taken place in the past year. It seems that evil abounds and is unrestricted in our world. I know that you have noticed that it seems that there are very few people anymore that even have a desire to repent of their sins and change their life. I have come to call this, the age of contented sinners. Over the past couple years (this last year especially), it has been increasingly difficult to find anyone who truly wants to change their life by turning away from sin and seek God with all their heart. As result of this spiritual societal shift, attendance at The Good News Camp as dwindled dramatically.

While, Irene and I have faithfully kept the light on at the camp (and will continue to do so for as the Lord wills it), we feel the Lord is saying that the time has come to for us to expand our ministry of discipleship beyond the Camp and begin edifying and strengthening the Body of Christ for the battle that is to come and is now upon us. The Lord has given me a heart to prepare His body for the times ahead and it is my desire to reach as many people as possible with the message of strength and encouragement the Lord has given me.

The end of this page is coming up quick so I am forced make this short. The Lord has opened the door for us to be free to leave the camp, on occasion when there are no clients, to evangelize and to minister outside the camp. If you would like to hear the message the Lord has given us for His Body, it would be our greatest pleasure to come and encourage and strengthen you in person, in your home, home group or church.

May the Lord be with you and bless you in Jesus name.

Shining the Light of Jesus in a dark world,
Vaughn, Irene, Ephraim and Benjamin

P.S. To set up a meeting for us to come and speak, please give me a call. My number is: 806-787-1023. I have been having a lot of trouble with my AT&T service lately with calls and voicemail not getting through. Texting seems to be the most reliable, so if I don't answer when you call, please try sending me a text and I will call you right back.