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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The last letter was telling about Larry's trip to Syria. This is the follow up, telling you all about the wonderful things that were accomplished in Lebanon and Syria for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!! He left Lubbock, TX on June 1<sup>st</sup> and returned on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was gone for a month to minister to the refugees that had fled Damascus, Syria into Lebanon. There are a million and a half in many different camps right along the Syrian-Lebanese border.

He was told many times by high officials of the extreme danger of going to the refugee camps, especially because he was an American. The terrorists in that area kidnap Lebanese and hold them for ransom, but to get an American would really gain them notoriety in the news media, which is what they love. But, the Lord gave Larry an anointing that was so strong that he couldn't see or feel any danger at all. He says he knew how fervently the believers here were holding him up in prayer and that is the main reason God gave him such a sense of peace and grace. We back here had to be given that same sense of peace too, especially me, his wife.

Before he left the Lord told him to wear his Texas, cowboy clothes and his white cowboy hat. He told him to not try to hide, but to be very open and very bold about sharing the gospel while there. That is exactly what he did!! He took thousands of pounds of bread to a lot of different refugee camps, He ministered to them in English and there was always someone there to interpret if he needed it. But he learned to say "Thank you Jesus" in Arabic and he would point up while repeating that over and over. The hungry people receiving the bread knew who was blessing them with something to eat. They would raise their hands and say, thank you Jesus with Larry, even the Imams (Muslim priests). They were so grateful and thankful to get the food. God will bless all of you who gave finances and all who fervently prayed for this mission trip. You each share a part in everything that was done for God there in Lebanon and Syria. Thank you!!

When Larry wasn't going to the camps, he spent his time out on the streets with his guitar singing Jesus songs and praying with people. The amazing thing is that he found no rejection toward himself or Jesus while ministering in that Muslim country. The people loved him and wanted their picture taken with him. He would tell them if they wanted a picture they would have to raise their hands and say "Thank you Jesus" first. They all agreed and there was many, many of them. They loved his singing and music too. He also ministered to the staff at the hotel every day a won three of them to the Lord Jesus Christ and he also led his taxi driver to the Lord, the one that drove him to the border and helped him give out the bread. He was able to find just four bibles there in Beirut, which he gave to the four who received Christ. They said they were the most precious gift they had ever received. Glory to Jesus!!!

Upon first arriving in Beirut, Lebanon, Larry went to the Syrian embassy to apply for a visa to go into Syria. He kept going back for days, standing long hours in line in the hot sun, but they eventually said they would not give him a visa as it was too dangerous for him to go into a war zone where Isis is fighting with the Syrian army everyday and bombs going off nearly daily. So one night, the Lord spoke into his spirit very strongly, "Get up and go very early to the Syrian border and cross over into Syria, don't ask questions, it will be all right." So he did! He got the taxi and went to the bread factory and bought 600 lbs. of bread and went to the border, switched all the bread to a Syrian taxi and entered Syria. On the road they had to pass through checkpoints with bunkered down, heavily armed Syrian soldiers. They were

shocked to see an American in the taxi and wanted to know why he was there? When they opened up the trunk while searching the car they smelled the hot bread and were hungry. They would ask if they could have some and Larry would say yes, of course! Then they would wave him on to the next checkpoint where the same thing would happen. He finally reached the final checkpoint where you can go no farther without a visa. The Commanding Officer took him into his office and started laughing. He said, "You have to be from Texas!" Larry said, "Why do you say that?" He said, "Because only a person from Texas would have the guts to come this far without a visa!" He then asked why Larry was there and when Larry told him he had brought bread to give to the hungry people, he asked him why he cared about these people, because they weren't his family and he didn't know them. Larry then said, "Let me tell you about when I didn't care about anyone but myself." Then he was able to give this man his entire testimony of how he came to Christ on May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1963 and Jesus hugged him and changed his life so that now he cares about and loves other people all over the world! The officer then took him to a General, a very high-ranking officer in the Syrian Army, over that whole region. Larry then repeated everything to this man too. He listened to every word very intently. He and the commander both spoke perfect English and the testimony was fully recorded on their security cameras. PTL! But he told Larry that that he would not give him a visa because he was too important to be sent to his death, which was certain if he had gone any farther into Syria. Besides he said that the people of Damascus that you want to reach are not in Syria, they are back where you came from, Lebanon. They had fled across the border to save their lives. So on the way back to the border of Lebanon they came upon a group of refugees that had been turned back from Lebanon and had been stuck there for days without food with nowhere to go. Larry gave them food enough to last them for at least a week. That is why the Lord was so insistent in his spirit that he had to go to Syria on that day at that time to be able to feed those hungry people and tell them about Jesus. God is always on time, in His time!

Larry worked very hard while there and God gave him all the strength he needed, but he came home totally exhausted. He rested for 2 weeks before we started to have meetings, but he still gets worn out pretty easily. We made a short DVD of the trip. If anyone wants to receive one please contact us. We can text it to your phone if you have one that receives texts, and it is also on Larry's facebook. Just type in pawpawlarryg and it will go to his facebook page and you can watch the DVD there too.

We also want to acknowledge that Vaughn, Irene and Benjamin carried on the ministry at Solid Rock Campground while Larry was gone. God bless them very much we pray!! They are still ministering there with him and I go down with him too as often as the Lord makes a way for me to get out of Lubbock.

We love all of you and thank you so much for your prayers and support; we couldn't do this without your help! May God bless each one of you and meet whatever needs you have. This family always lifts you up in prayer.

Always on the front lines serving Jesus,

The Goff Family

Larry and Betty  
Vaughn, Irene and Benjamin