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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Once again I sit down to write what the Lord has been doing in our lives and ministry. As I look back over the last few months, so much comes to my mind that I don't know where to start. Time seems to move so fast that it is hard to keep up. Before you realize it, months have passed you by.

Well, 2016 is here and we hit the New Year running. Just a few days into the New Year I got a call from a young woman who was seeking help for her brother, Gary. Irene and I had been praying for the Lord to send a new person to the camp and I knew this was an answer to our prayers. After only a few days, Gary was on his way to the camp. Gary is a former Marine that had done a tour in Afghanistan and had come home emotionally damaged. And like so many others, whose life foundation is not built on the Rock of Jesus Christ, he had turned to drugs to cope when life at home began to crumble around him when his wife divorced him. Of course, drug addiction is a cruel master and destroyed what little was left of his life. But off times, it is only when we have nowhere else to turn, that we finally turn to God, and so it was with Gary.

When Gary arrived at the camp he was hurt, confused and distrustful. It was hard for him to open his heart to God. But praise the Lord, after a few weeks, he finally responded to the knocking of Jesus at his hearts door and let Him in and accepted the Lord's forgiveness for his mistakes and failures of the past (a huge issue for him). Glory to God!

Gary became a totally new person. After accepting Christ, he told me that he had been convicted of the crime of violating a restraining order and was in violation of a court order to appear for sentencing (meaning he was on the run). He said he had been a afraid to go to jail, but now he felt that if he should have to go to jail, then it would be a great time for him to continue to study God's Word and share the hope of Jesus and the wonderful things he had learned at the camp with those in jail. He left the camp to go turn him self in. I was so proud of him as I watched him leave.

I just heard from Gary yesterday! He was so excited to tell me that he had just gotten out of jail. He said that the judge wanted to give him six months, but because he had gone to The Good News Camp for help and had come straight back, to turn himself in, the judge reduced his sentence to only 30 days. Praise the Lord! While in jail, Gary told me, that few people knew his name, he was known as the "Guy who is always reading his Bible". Many other inmates came to him to hear about God during his time there. I thank the Lord for the work He is doing in Gary and ask for your continued prayers for him as he starts his new life with Christ.

During the time that Gary was at the camp, I also was able to finally locate the missionary couple (Bob and Florine Hawkins) that originally took the Gospel of Jesus to the Wai Wai tribe back in the 1940s. It had long been on our hearts to go see them if they were still alive, as it was through their work that Irene's grandfather, Elka, came to know Christ, (read about this in the book, Christ's Witchdoctor). Elka went on the lead his tribe to Christ along with 13 other tribes. Irene was very little when all this occurred, and feels a great debt of gratitude to these faithful servants of Christ for her own salvation and had long desired meet them. Through a series of events we stumbled upon them, still alive, (in their 90s) and living in Missouri.

After we set Gary off on his journey, we packed up and headed to Missouri to see them. Oh! What a time of great fellowship and rejoicing! Having retired from the life long work with the Wai Wai, due to age and health, many years ago, they were overwhelmed to have the results of their sacrifice walk through their door in Missouri. For me it was personally gratifying as well. Throughout the days we spent with them, I pondered on how great it

must be for them to see the fruit of their labor, while still in this life. I was so glad to give this great gift to these humble servants of God. As a servant of God myself, I know the value of being able to see the fruit of my work.

While visiting with Bob and Florine, we discovered that, unfortunately, their three children had not led very stable lives and even now were still dealing with difficulties in their relationships with each other and their relationships with God. Irene and I both feel that the Lord has brought us into the equation to help bring healing to this situation, as one by one each of these three children have vigorously sought us out of their own accord and poured their hearts out to us and also been willing to listen to our counsel. We are so blessed to be able to be used by God to bring healing to these people.

Our son, Ephraim, and daughter-in-law, Kelsey, still continue to serve with us at the Good News Camp and prepare themselves for the ministry the Lord has called them to. We are so glad to have them with us. We are also proud to announce that they are expecting an addition to their family around the beginning of July. Grandma Irene is really happy about this! Prayers for an easy delivery and healthy baby are much appreciated.

We are also excited to share that our daughter, Esther, has just found out that she has been matched with a hospital for her residency. She will find out in a few days what hospital she was matched with. UMC in Lubbock is her number one choice and we pray she will get that, but she knows that wherever she ends up, it will be where the Lord wants her. Residency is the final step in completing her calling to medical missions. We are so excited to see what the Lord is going to do with her.

Well, there is still a lot of 2016 left and we are excited to see what the Lord is going to do. Irene and I are so grateful for each and every one of you that pray for us and support this ministry. Just as the faithful supporters of Bob and Florine Hawkins have a share in the fruit of their ministry with the Wai wais, you to share the fruit of everything we do. Sometimes it may take many years for that fruit to be revealed, but even if we don't get a chance to see this reward in this life, the Lord, who knows all, will not forget to bless and reward those who serve Him. I pray the Lord's rich blessing upon you all in Jesus Mighty Name!

Your humble servants on the battlefield for Christ,
Vaughn, Irene, Benjamin, Ephraim & Kelsey

P.S. Esther did get matched with
Texas Tech Health Sciences, UMC Hospital
here in Lubbock, TX ! Hallelujah! An answer to our prayers!

Now, a note from Larry and Betty:

Dear Precious Ones in Christ,

Just wanted to give you an update on what's been going on with us too. First of all we pray this has been a wonderful year for each of you and that you are growing closer to the Lord each day! We thank you all for caring about this ministry and us. We care also for each of you and pray for you.

The Lord has Led Larry to go minister to the Muslims in the Mosques in Texas. He has been to quite a number of them. Unfortunately many of them are closed out of fear of attacks from Anti-Muslims. Some Mosques have been shot up, burned down and defiled with pig blood. Therefore they have been locked up and a person must be personally invited to enter them. Even so, God has Led Larry to the ones that are still open. He has been very well received by the Imam's and was able to give his testimony at each place and also left the video-disc of his trip to Lebanon and Syria where he was feeding the Muslim refugees. That disc has really touched hearts and opened the door to ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these Muslim people. It has also shown them that Christians love them, not hate them! We praise God for what he is doing with these people and wait to see these seeds that have been planted, flourish and grow! Glory to God!

Also, Larry is still ministering at the RV Park on Lake Leon every weekend. He has a campfire meeting on Saturday and Sunday nights and also ministers at a Bible Study at the office at 8:30 on Sunday mornings. God has been blessing this ministry very much, bringing in new people nearly every weekend. But, the main thing we are rejoicing about is that some of those who live permanently at the RV Park, that at first, completely rejected Larry,

have started to attend the campfire meeting and their whole attitude has started to change. We are so happy about this and encouraged too! Another great thing that happened a couple of Sundays ago was a real miracle. One of the regulars that come to the Sunday morning meetings, Bobby, came in with a horrendously painful abscessed tooth. He was white as a sheet and trembling. The Lord gave Larry such a strong compassion for him that he just went over, laid hands on his jaw and said a simple prayer. Next morning Bobby showed up at work instead of going to the dentist. He said that God had not only healed the abscess and took away all pain, but his tooth was gone too! That morning at the meeting, the place was full and most had never ever seen a miracle before. This miracle has affected them all in a good way! God is great and powerful, all glory to Him! Larry has been ministering there for a year and a half now and we really appreciate all your prayers that help to bring about these wonderful happenings. You will receive your reward from the Lord and also our many thanks for holding us up in your prayers.

Larry also made a trip to Mississippi during all the tornado bad weather. Through our son-in law-, Scott, God gave him the name of a small town there and God led him to head there. He drove through extremely bad rain and storms. About an hour away from Purvis, Ms, he felt led to stop and wait till the worst of the storm passed. When he arrived in Purvis, he found that if he had kept going he would have been caught in the middle of the tornado that hit there and killed one man. He was able to go around the area and minister to many of the affected people and their families. Originally he thought he would be ministering about multiple suicides that had happened there, but God had other plans, although, he did get to minister to a number of people about suicide too. The Lord does direct the steps of a righteous man and we trust Him to lead us to where He wants His Word to go forth! Glory to God!

As for me, Betty, I'm still here in Lubbock, helping to care for my parents. They are getting older and have more health problems, seems like every day! Please pray for them and for me. We have a wonderful lady, Cindy that cares for them weekdays till 3:00pm. She is great! Please pray for her too. I don't know what I would do without her! I am in the midst of doing physical therapy in the pool for my back injury right now. It is helping a lot, but can't replace the missing discs, so still have pain. God is good though and He sustains me! I praise Him for His wonderful care! I go minister with Larry every so often and he comes home during the week, when he isn't going somewhere else to minister.

Again, we love you and pray for each of you and thank you for praying for us too. May the Lord richly bless you each one!!

As always continuing to serve the Lord in His harvest field,

Larry and Betty