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Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus, The Christ. I pray that your hearts are full of the peace that can only come from knowing that our God is in control. As I sit here to once again write to you, I am reminded of all that the Lord has done this year and how each of you played a part in it. Words are insufficient to explain our gratitude to all of you for your faithful support for this ministry. I know the Lord has stored up many treasures for you in heaven.

Here at the Good News Camp we continue to serve God with all our hearts. This year has been a year of many struggles, but also wonderful blessings. We have had some of the worst weather in history that caused much damage that we had to repair. We have also struggled with some health issues, and the passing of both of my grandparents. The Lord has seen us through all these things and we are always reassured that He is in control and has a plan that we can only see by having faith in Him.

The Lord has blessed Irene and I with two grandchildren this year. Charles Lawrence Goff was born to our son and daughter-in-law, Ephraim and Kelsey, on July, 7th. Due to some complications at birth, he was in the neonatal ICU for a few weeks and there was some concern in the beginning for long term effects, but by the grace of our Lord and all of your faithful prayers, he is doing fine and is a healthy happy little boy that has brought Irene and I unbelievable joy. Our granddaughter, Rachel Manna Robbins, was born to our daughter and son-in-law, Esther and Nathan on October, 21st. She too has brought extreme joy into our lives, especially Cha Cha (Grandma in the Waiwai language) Irene, who has waited for 29 years to have another little girl to dress up again. We are so thankful for these wonderful blessings the Lord has given us in 2016.

Not as many people attended the Good News Camp for counseling this year as in years gone by, but those that did were special and their lives were changed with a new relationship with Christ, and a deeper walk with God. One of the most memorable groups we had this year was a whole family (father, mother and three children) that came to be delivered from addiction (the Parents, not the kids). By God's grace we got to see the mother give her life to Jesus and the father rededicate his life. The family has been doing well since their time here and we praise the Lord for the opportunity to impart truth and hope into their lives.

During the time when we were not needed at the camp, Irene and I have traveled much, ministering in homes, groups and with individuals as the Lord provided opportunity to do so. I also have an active online ministry of counseling and discipleship through email and other online mediums. It is amazing to live in an age where I can minister to people anywhere in the world without having to actually be there in person, or they having to come to where I am.

As always, Irene and I are available to come and speak with you or in your home or church. Even though I take advantage of many online mediums to extend our ministry to where ever it is needed, there is nothing that can compare with being there in person. We cherish the opportunity to come and see you in person and share with you what the Lord has laid on our hearts.

A Christmas Message

As we approach the time of the year that the world has set aside to celebrate a holiday called Christmas, I pray we all take at least a moment to reflect upon what this time should truly be about. While there are many cherished traditions and customs surrounding this holiday called Christmas, we often forget that most of them have nothing to do with what we are claiming to be celebrating. It's not that traditions are necessarily wrong, but when those traditions become more important than the whole purpose for the event, that is when we have lost the importance that the event was created for. Let's all remember that this season, is not about Santa Claus, Christmas trees, pretty lights and presents. It is not even about families coming together to enjoy time with each other.

This season is about a great sacrifice. It is about the day that God sent His only Son, Jesus, to the earth to die for our sins. It is about a world that was so wrought with sin and separated from its Creator, that the only way to rectify mankind's separation from God, was for God to sacrifice Himself to save us. Like a loving father that runs into a burning house to save his children and throws them through a window to safety, only to perish himself; God rushed into a world burning with the fire of sin to save us, His children. The sad part of this story is that, we are the ones that set the fire that was destroying us, with our selfish disobedience to Him. I think about the song, Oh Holy Night. It is one of my favorite songs. Listen to this verse and hear its meaning.

*"Oh, holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth*

Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,:
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

I have highlighted the two phrases, “Long lay the world in sin and error pining” and “the soul felt its worth” because I want you to think about those words. For younger readers who may not know what the word “Pining” means; it means, to long for something so deeply to the point of physical suffering. Like a person dying of thirst in a desert, pining for a drop of water. You may have sung this song a thousand times before, but may have never truly contemplated the weight of the meaning of its words. The writer of this song understood what the birth of Jesus truly meant. It was a sacrifice for mankind, to save us from our sin of selfish disobedience to God. This was a condition which were helpless to free ourselves from, and from which we were desperately needing, and pining, for a Savior, a Christ, to free us of from.

You see, His name is not Jesus Christ. His name is, Jesus, The Christ. He is The Christ, The Savior of the World. It in of light of this, it so befitting that the very next line to the song after the above verse is, “Fall On Your Knees”. To fall on your knees means, to be so overwhelmed by the gravity of man’s sinful situation that when you come to the full realization of the extraordinary sacrifice that God was willing to make to rectify it, that you are brought to a state of complete humble submission in reverent awe and gratitude for what Jesus, The Christ, did for you. That is what it means to “Fall on your knees”.

I pray that during this season, we will all start a new family tradition of truly remembering the great sacrifice that God gave for us and that we make this season to be more about humbling ourselves in reverent awe and gratitude for what He has done. And not only for this season, but for every day of the year.

It is time to bring this letter to close. We are so grateful for each and every one of you and pray for you often. May the Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is, be with you and bless you. May His light shine through you for the whole world to see. May you always be ready to give testimony to the hope that is in you to anyone who asks. I pray these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, The Christ.

Your faithful servants in the Lord’s service,
Vaughn, Irene, & Benjamin
Ephraim, Kelsey & Charlie

A note from Larry:

Since the last time we wrote we have had so many family crisis and events that have taken place, but by the grace of God, we have been able to penetrate Satan's territory always keeping the Kingdom of God and His righteousness in first place.

Chalk up another Victorious night for the glory of Jesus Christ! As Sam Osborn and I drove up to the little Stop and Go grocery store in the middle of Dixon Circle (South Dallas), it did not surprise me to see the parking lot was nearly full of people standing around. Drugs were going down and prostitution was the name of the game. The seed, from The Gospel that was preached there a few weeks before had already taken root and I could see fruit everywhere. There was absolutely no resistance of any kind, it was the opposite, we were welcomed!

I set up a tab in the owner of a convenience store near us, with instructions to let anybody, that wanted to buy soda and a snack, get what they wanted and to put it on my tab. As we were singing victorious songs like, "In the name of Jesus, we have the victory over demons", a police car drove up into the parking lot. At first I think they were shocked to see white boys in such a dark place, secondly we were only armed with a guitar and the songs of Jesus. They went into the grocery store and soon they came back out and got in their car and left, even though there was a large sign saying "No Loitering Allowed, Under Police Surveillance". I told the people we were not loitering; we were having a church service. The Lord filled me with his authority and I told the people that from now on I was the new chaplain for Dixon Circle, South Dallas!

We noticed a few young ladies that were standing afar off. When we approached them they said, " Please don't come near us, we are living in sin and you are holy men of God and it makes us feel guilty and ashamed when you come near us". It was nothing we said. We did not bring a message of condemnation. It was the presence of the Spirit of the Living God that they could feel in our bodies. We assured them that God so loved the world he sent his Only Begotten Son while we were yet sinners. Jesus does not want you to try to fix yourself up before you come to Him we told them, He wants you to come as you are and he will give you the power to fix yourself up and He will change your life. “Okay” they said, "But would you stand a little farther away until that happens"?

When I went in the store to pay the tab that I owed, there was a young man named Mark who watched me with curious eyes. He said, "May I ask you a question?" Yes, I said, what is your question? “Would you please let me help pay for that tab? I would feel so good to spend my money at least one time for something good.” I thought I would burst into tears. I'm sure the money he had was to purchase drugs. I told him Mark, the Lord will bless you for this wonderful thing you're about to do.

As Christians, we are the only organization that has authority and power over the true enemy which is, Satan. "For we do not wrestle with flesh and blood, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world. Eph. 6:12". Charlotte North Carolina could have been prevented if the church would have done her job, and prevention is always better than the cure. God bless everyone of you who made this night in South Dallas so Victorious! I pray the church of Jesus Christ would get this revelation and go into areas like South Dallas, which was controlled by Satan and his demons, and take it away from them for the glory of God!! More of us need to go into the highways and hedges with the Good News about Jesus. We have made three trips in this area and plan to minister Christmas Eve from midnight to morning. Also on New Years Eve, we'll do the same.

For the past few months I have been blessed to write a weekly column in the Eastland County Newspaper, which goes out to a number of counties around this area. I share many things about our lives of serving the Lord over 53 years and include such testimonies that I just shared with you. The people at the newspaper say that they have received great response and interest. They say that people can hardly wait for the next week's column. What a joy to my heart for me to be used like this to bless people. To God be the glory!

The Saturday night campfire meetings here at the RV park have been very blessed as new people seem to come every week. Anywhere from two to twenty people attend, regardless of the weather. The Holy Spirit leads and it's always different. Also the 8;30 am Sunday mornings meetings has grown in number. Sam Harris (the author of the book) gives us time to share testimonies of our lives with the people first hand. They seem to be blessed and invite their friends. So, more and more people are coming. Praise the Lord!

We have been told that the book should be ready by Feb. 14. We have already ordered many copies. When we get them, you will get one as soon as possible, as we are able to send them out.

During this holiday season, when the world will exalt these days to be the most important days of the year, the largest businesses in the world look forward to these holidays to make much money. Never will the Name of Jesus be more exploited then this time of year. Try to focus on what Jesus said about such things. Luke 16:15b, says: " For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

Your servant, with love,
Larry

A Note from Betty.

My parents both passed away on September 12th within three hours of each other. For months, prior to their passing, I was overwhelmed with the increasing care that was necessary to care for them in their ailing condition. It was because of this that we have not put out a newsletter for so long. We just want you all to know that we sincerely appreciate all of your prayers during this difficult and trying time. Personally, I am still recovering from the trauma of these events and appreciate your continued prayers for me. I am now living at the RV park and ministering with Larry. As a result you will notice our new address and phone number in the header portion of this letter. We just want you to know that we love all of you and you are continually in our hearts and prayers. Have a blessed time with your families, they are precious!

Love to you all,
Betty

P.S. Don't forget, we have a NEW ADDRESS. Thanks so much.

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