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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We pray this letter finds you all well in mind and spirit. We pray for you every day that the Lord will meet your needs. We thank you also for remembering us. You are all a part of this ministry, and it wouldn't get done without your help, and most of all, the Lord's help. This letter will be long, because it's been so long since we wrote and so much has happened and is still happening. We pray you will be blessed as you read it.

As you know from the last letter, Larry and Vaughn had gone to Nicaragua to revisit some of the places where Larry and I, (Betty), ministered some 51 years ago. They had a wonderful time and blessed many people. Praise the Lord! They were truly blessed to meet with one of the only villagers to survive the tsunami that wiped out the village of Casares, Nicaragua, in Sept. 1992. We had ministered there in 1966 and 1967. The brother told Larry and Vaughn that almost every person in the village was a Christian when the tsunami hit. We praise the Lord for that knowledge, and for letting us sow the seed of Christ there 51 years ago. Hallelujah!

About two weeks after returning from Nicaragua, Larry went to Coata Rica, with Bro. Buster Estill and his wife Melba. He stayed with them for two weeks, in May, ministering to many people wherever they went. Here is Larry's testimony of his trip to Costa Rica:

"Dear brothers and sisters, let me share with you about my recent trip to Costa Rica. It was a good trip, but I did find out that my body couldn't handle the heat like it did when I was younger. There are quite a few Americans in Costa Rica, looking for a beautiful place to retire in, but unless we have Jesus Christ in our hearts there is no fulfillment, including living in a beautiful place like Costa Rica. I ministered in many places including some restaurants where, when I sang about the Lord and seeking His Kingdom first, it seemed to bring a lot of joy to the people. Also, it was such a joy to fellowship with Buster every morning. He is a wonderful brother that God has placed in Costa Rica as a shining light. Nothing in the world can satisfy the soul more than Jesus Christ and doing His work for an eternal purpose! This is what gives the Goff family and others, victorious and continuous joy, doing the work for Christ' Kingdom.

Next, after spending a few days with Betty, in Lubbock, I headed for Arizona to spend some time with Pat and Kathy Poe. They have given out lots of our books, "The World Don't Know This Jesus". They are true servants of Jesus and bring many to Christ and are helping them grow in their faith. Their group of believers wanted to hear from me, some personal, face-to-face testimonies because they were so blessed from reading the book. We had a great time of ministry and fellowship together."

After being home only a little while, Larry headed for the north, up to Canada to visit the works that were started there back in the 2000s. It will be cooler for him to minister during these hot summer months, as Larry's body has difficulty dealing with hot temperatures now. Vaughn has sent cases of the book up there and they are being passed out everywhere. Larry left about a month ago and has been to Ft. Resolution for a few weeks and just arrived in Wrigley yesterday. When he is done there, he will go on to Inuvik, on the Arctic Ocean. Everyone has been so happy to see him again, and he has done lots of ministering. One sister was being so tormented by demonic oppression that she was getting so she was afraid to leave her house. Thank God, after prayer and teaching of our power over principalities of darkness in Christ' Name, she has been delivered. Praise Jesus! He also was able to pray for a young man that had fallen out of a truck and had a bad head injury. They airlifted him to the hospital in Yellowknife and Larry had felt led to go there a few days earlier and was able to go to the hospital to pray for the young man. After prayer they found he only had a concussion. This was a miracle, as when he got there they didn't have much hope for his survival. God is so merciful! Larry will (the Lord willing) be coming home between the middle and end of September. Please keep him in your prayers for health, safe travel for him and his vehicle, and for many souls to be reached for Christ.

Now, for some news from me, (Betty). Because of my getting older and some on-going health problems, I was no longer able to stay down at the RV park where we have been living for 3 and a half years, especially with the terrible heat

we have been experiencing here in Texas. One of the air-conditioners went out on the motor home and cannot be fixed. The parts no longer exist. Plus, Larry is traveling more and more and I can't stay alone down there, so we have moved back to our home in Lubbock. So, please note the change of address, back to - Goff Ministries, Inc. 2215 49th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79412. We will now receive all correspondence at this address from now on. Thanks. I covet your continued prayers for me also, as I stay here and take care of some of the administrative needs of Goff Ministries and of course my health. God bless you all very much, we love each one of you. I will now turn it over to Vaughn to share, as he has much to tell too. He and his family have been very busy serving the Lord in many places these past months too.

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From Vaughn & Irene

Dear family of Christ. As I sit here and write these lines, I am overcome with immense gratitude for all the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us. There is no way to measure how thankful I am for each and every one of you that support this ministry through prayers and finances. Your faithfulness to this ministry over the years is a true blessing and, I know that you have stored up a great treasure in heaven. Irene and I pray for you often and, you are constantly in our hearts and thoughts.

In our last newsletter, Dad and I had just returned from our trip to Nicaragua to visit the works that he and mom started back in the 1960s. I was so honored that the Lord allowed me to take this trip with my father. Dad and I have been through many battles and adventures together in our service for our Lord over the years, but due the constant demands of the ministry at the Good News Camp, it had been quite some time since I was able to be free enough to go with him on one of his foreign mission trips. It was exciting to once again go with him and minister side by side on the foreign mission field. Our trip to Nicaragua was truly blessed and, the Lord put people in our path that needed ministering to from the moment our plane touched the ground.

Of course, while I was away, my work here in the US just kept building. So, as soon as I got back, I was running to catch up and have been so ever since. The first thing was to get the second volume of Dad's book published. The word "Published" is such a little word compared to the amount of work that is involved in actually completing that task. Part of the stress on me in doing this, is that it is my hearts desire to see Dad's testimony reach millions of people around the world for the Glory of the Lord. While we have been able to give out almost two thousand books at our own expense, the book has not gained any momentum and generated much interest and demand outside of the people we personally know. In spite of my efforts to promote the book, online sales of the book through Amazon.com (which we had hoped would cover the cost of the books we give away) have been very low from the beginning and have dwindled to nothing in the last year. Praise the Lord, funds to cover the cost of printing of the two thousands books we have given away, has been raised through generous donations for this purpose. While we are forever grateful for those who donated to pay the printing of the books we have given out to date, clearly this method of private funding will only allow for a very small percentage of people to be able to read this wonderful and inspiring testimony of God's power and faithfulness.

I am going to be a little transparent with you here. I sometimes feel wholly inadequate to do the job of promoting this awesome book of Dad's testimony. As I said before, it is my hearts desire to see millions of people around the world read this amazing story. This is why I am asking you for your sincere prayers on this. Please pray that the Lord opens the doors to promote the book in new areas that will get the word out to a larger audience, like radio or television. Pray that the Lord guides me and gives me the skill I need to accomplish this mission. Thank you.

On the family front, Benjamin continues to grow like a tree and is just shy of six feet tall now. He turned 16 in June, and is becoming a strong young man of God. I am so excited to see what the Lord is going to do in his life. I am teaching him how to drive and he is doing great. As I have done with all my kids, I am teaching him to drive a manual transmission (stick shift). I believe that this is important because most vehicles in the rest of the world are manual transmissions and this will enable him to be able to drive regardless of where the Lord takes him in the world.

Our daughter-in-law Kelsey has been a tremendous blessing this year as she has taken over the greenhouse and many other food production responsibilities at the camp, freeing me up to travel and be where the Lord need me the most. Ephraim and her are doing well and are earnestly working to pay off some school debt so that they can be free to serve the Lord in Southeast Asia where the Lord has called them. Ephraim is now working one fulltime job and two part time jobs to expedite the elimination of their debt, so they will be free to go serve the Lord. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek the Lord's direction. They are planning a mission trip to Cambodia this winter.

Esther is her in final year of residency at Texas Tech Health Science Center. She has turned into a fine doctor that is well respected amongst her peers. Many doors are opening up before her, and she and Nathan (her husband) are seeking the Lord's direction in what steps to take next. They both have a deep calling to minister in Cambodia.

My wonderful wife Irene has been my constant companion in all of this and there is certainly no way I could do this without her. She is so faithful in her duty as a minister and helpmate to me. She is the greatest partner in ministry I could have ever dreamed of. Even after thirty two years of marriage, I still do not feel that I deserve her. The Lord has finally blessed her with her hearts desire, grandchildren, and she could not be happier. We now have three grandchildren, Andy and Rachel (from Esther & Nathan) and Charlie (from Ephraim & Kelsey) and Irene is in grandma heaven. We are so grateful to God for His blessings and answers to our prayers.

Well, it is time for me to start to wrap this up. Once again I feel that I have not even scratched the surface of all that the Lord has done since I last wrote to you. This year has been probably the busiest year of my life. There is so much on my plate to accomplish and much more that I want to do for the Lord in the future that I feel I will never get it all done. But the Lord has taught me over the years to be still in the moment and focus on what I am doing now, and trust Him for the rest. That is what I try to do every day. I cherish your prayers more then you can imagine.

One last prayer request before I end this letter. I would like to ask you to pray about the financial support for this ministry. The Lord has always provided for our needs and we all know He will continue to do so. The truth is that our financial support base was developed decades ago and many of our primary financial partners are retiring or going home to their great reward, and we have gained almost no new supporters to take their place. This has led to a significant decrease in our total annual support over the years. I am asking you to pray that the Lord brings new, long term, financial partners into this ministry. I know that the Lord will do this, but I feel that I should make this known to you so that you can agree with me in prayer on this matter.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I close this letter to you. I pray the Lord's rich blessing upon each and every one of you. May the Holy Spirit be your constant light and companion in the days to come.

In the service of the King, Vaughn, Irene & Benjamin Ephraim, Kelsey & Charlie Nathan, Esther, Andy and Rachel

P.S. The second volume of the Dad's book is now available for order on amazon.com. Due to an error on my part in publishing, there are two versions available. One cost \$24 and the other cost \$9.99. The only difference is that pictures in the \$24 version are in color. The price is set by amazon.com, not me. Please do not buy the \$24 version as I have reduced our royalty portion on that book to almost zero to bring the price as low as possible. The royalties on the \$9.99 version are set so that each book sold earns enough to cover the cost of printing of one book to give away. Below are the titles and direct links to buy the books on amazon.com.

- 1. The World Don't Know This Jesus ------ <u>https://amzn.to/2LENTbr</u>
- 2. The World Don't Know This Jesus Volume 2: From Sea to Shining Sea --- https://amzn.to/2LU0HI0

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