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Dear Precious Brothers and Sisters,

We pray this letter finds you all well and standing strong for the Lord and His Kingdom. We appreciate each of you so very much for remembering us and working with us to spread the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your prayers and support mean so much to us. You are always in our hearts and prayers, and we thank you very much for all you do for Goff Ministries. We pray many blessings from God be upon each of you.

Here is some news of what's been happening since we last wrote to you. Due to my health, I realized I could no longer minister in the south during summer where it gets so hot. So, I felt the Lord sending me up north. I had a double purpose as I made my way to Michigan. My brother-in-law passed away from cancer before I could get up there, and I really needed to see my sister and her family and just love on them and comfort them. Praise God they are all believers, so they know their precious husband and father is with his Savior, Jesus! What a joy I had ministering to them and fellowshipping with them.

For a while now, I have felt led of the Lord to go minister to the many Muslims that live in Michigan, especially in Dearborn. There are around 200,000 that live there in Dearborn. You would think you were in a foreign country because most of the business signs along the streets are in Arabic. In the restaurants, they speak Arabic, and the menus are in Arabic. Some of my nieces and nephews wanted to go and evangelize with me, so we all went to Dearborn and had a wonderful time. Everyone we met received us very well. Praise the Lord! We came upon a group of young Muslim men cooking food in a very BIG pot. They serve food to anyone who is hungry every day. As we conversed with them, I was able to give my entire testimony (the extended version) of how I accepted Jesus as my Savior. They were very respectful and listened intently. They didn't want us to leave when it was time to go. We all praised God for the Seed that was planted there. Now we pray it will grow, that there will be a great harvest of souls later on. Please pray with us.

I want you all to know that when I think of all the religions of the world and all the religious organizations, I see them all as just lost men, women, and children who don't know Jesus. All the other stuff and doctrines mean nothing to me. I only see lost souls that need to hear the Good News. So, I make them a high priority!

When I left Michigan, I traveled to Minnesota, where I met up with brothers Dean Spies and Keith Vonende. I had first met Dean and Keith while ministering down at the RV park in Eastland, Texas. At that time, I had promised them that I would go north to visit with them someday. They are both very active in ministry, and they kept me extremely busy while there. We went to Minneapolis many times to minister to the Muslims from Somalia who live there. There are around 150,000 thousand of them. We had great times of ministry and great fellowship together, and I loved it! Unfortunately, this old body got pretty worn out physically, so I had to take some time to rest. The Lord willing, I plan to go back to those two places and minister again, when the weather gets too warm down south.

Next, I headed for Arizona, to visit and encourage some brothers and sisters there. I made it as far as Pat and Kathy Poe's in St. Johns, AZ, and then my body gave out. I had a fever over a hundred and was totally exhausted from ministering so heavily day and night and also driving long distances. These precious people put me to bed and cared for me like a king. They have a great ongoing ministry there in St. Johns, and even though I didn't get to see any of their people this time, we had some awesome fellowship as I was recovering. I got well enough to drive back to Lubbock, so I came home to rest up for awhile. After resting for a while, Betty and I went to spend Thanksgiving with our daughter, Valene and son-in-law, Scott, our granddaughter Grace, her husband Jeremy, and their four children. We had such a good time together. It was a happy, relaxing time of good fellowship with our precious family. We pray you all had a good Thanksgiving with your families too.

I am currently here in Eastland, Texas, at Lake Leon, where I am working on book number three, with Sam Harris. It has been a productive time, and I have gotten to visit and fellowship with the believers here. It's been good to see them all again. When I leave here, I will go back to Lubbock for a few days then head back to Arizona to finish that ministry trip.

I thank you all for your continued prayers for all of us at Goff Ministries, but especially for me and my health as I travel to wherever the Lord will have me go. God bless each of you.

On the front lines for Jesus, Larry

A note from Betty-

Hi all. I am doing fine and thank you for remembering me in your prayers, as I remember you too. I am holding down the home front while Larry travels to different places. I just can't travel much anymore. Plus, I get too far behind with the administrative duties when I

## am gone for a long time. Larry covered everything else, so I'll go for now. God bless you all! Love in Christ, Betty

## From Vaughn:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Again we find ourselves at the end of another year, and it feels as though it just began. The wheels of time just turn too fast these days. 2019 has gone by like a blur and so many things happened it would be impossible to remember them all, much less articulate them. The Lord has been with us through it all, though, and we praise Him for His faithfulness.

2019 carried Irene and me back to our origins in Guyana, where our story began in 1983. What an amazing trip that was, and we are so grateful to all of you for making that trip possible through your prayers and support. After our return home back to Texas, we have been extremely busy throughout the rest of the year. A big part of our ministry this year has been ministering to those in need, especially to Mom and Dad, who have been struggling with their health. I feel that one of my main ministries is giving dad what he needs to stay active in ministry, so he can fulfill everything he feels the Lord leading him to do. Dad has been struggling with his health and energy levels since his near-death event in 2018, and he just can't rough it the way he used to. He still wants to travel a lot, so I felt the need to invest in a better traveling vehicle so he would not have to sleep in the bed of his truck like he has for so many years. So, I went looking for a small class C motor-home for him to travel in. I found a 1999 Minnie Winnie for a reasonable price and bought it. I wanted to make sure that it was a safe, reliable vehicle for dad to travel in, so I spent most of the summer upgrading and repairing it. Praise the Lord; it has been faithful for him to travel in this year. It is such a blessing to see dad to continue to be able to get out and minister; and in a little more comfort then he has had in the past. I believe he and mom have roughed it enough.

2019 has been a year of hardship for a lot of people, and the Lord has used Irene and me to be a ministering force of encouragement and aid to many people. Irene and I have dedicated our lives to the Lord's service, and as such, we have very little personal income. The little personal income we have had came through our two rent houses. Both of these houses have been now converted from rent houses into homes for ministry. One is now housing sister Beth (who I have written about before), who is a precious sister in the Lord that is recovering from cancer and hip surgery. Beth has dedicated her life to the Lord's service, and we are incredibly blessed to be able to offer her a rent-free house to live and recover in. She is doing much better since her hip surgery, Praise the Lord! We ask for your prayers for her, as we seek now to help her also recover financially.

Our other house is now being used to house another servant of God, brother Bob Hawes and his family that have fallen on extremely rough times and needed a place to live. This is a brother that we have known and worked with in ministry for many years. We were blessed to be able to keep him and his family from becoming homeless in this time of most difficult trials in their lives. Please pray for the Hawes family.

We also would like to ask for prayers for a family of missionaries that we have supported for many years, Israel and Leslie Bailey. Israel is my nephew. Israel and Leslie have dedicated themselves to the service of the Lord. They have been serving the Lord on the foreign mission field in Greece, working in the refugee camps there. On November 1st, Leslie, began experiencing stroke-like symptoms and was rushed to a private hospital in Greece where an MRI revealed a lesion in her brain. Leslie had lost most of the movement on the left side of her body and was experiencing cognitive coordination difficulty. She could not walk, talk, or even write her name. Greece is a socialized medicine nation with some of the worst medical care in the world and private hospitals are a pay upfront service only. The family had exhausted their finances just getting Leslie in the hospital and paying for the MRI. Because of their lack of finances, the hospital sent them home. I wanted to get the family on a plane and back to the US, but Leslie had swelling on the brain and could not fly. She needed to be in the hospital where they could treat her brain swelling. I immediately withdrew \$10,000 from the Goff Ministries emergency fund and sent it to them in Greece to get Leslie back in the hospital and cover the cost of a week of treatment. After a week of treatment in the hospital, Leslie was able to fly home, and now she and the family are back in the US. Thank you Jesus! Leslie's condition has not yet been precisely diagnosed, but she is improving and regaining some function. We are believing for a complete healing and recovery for her. Please stand with us in prayer for this precious family.

Well, as I said, 2019 has been a year of trails for many people. We are grateful to be a place where people in dire need can turn to for help in times of extreme crisis, but it is only because of your faithfulness and support that we can do this. So, it is truly all of you who are the ones who are really helping all these people (and many more I have not mentioned). We are merely your hands in the Lord's service. Words cannot express how thankful we at Goff Ministries are for each and every one of you that pray for and support this ministry. I know that the Lord is blessing you for your faithfulness.

Your servants in Christ, Vaughn and Irene

P.S. I hope our Christmas card blesses you. I know it is late, but with everything going on, I did not have the opportunity to get it out in time for the Holidays.