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Dear family in Christ Jesus,

I pray this letter finds you celebrating the wonderful hope we have in the promises and blessings of our Lord. As I sit here and write these lines, I am again humbled and filled with gratitude for the faithfulness that all of you have shown to this ministry. I know that the Lord our God will reward each of you beyond measure.

I apologize that I have been so long in writing to you. So much has occurred since I last wrote to you. It is difficult to know where to begin. I will just pick up where I left off in my last newsletter to you, with dad and mom's big move to their new home in Sandia, TX. To say that this move would be a difficult task beyond my wildest imagination would be an understatement. Completing this task would be an all-consuming effort for Irene and me and take the rest of 2021. For this reason, I have been unable to get a newsletter out until now. I will spare you the details of this arduous task and just say that while it was long and arduous, it was not without blessing and reward.

One of the reasons it took so long was that I had to carefully go through all of the things that had accumulated in that house over the last twenty-five years since mom and dad lived there. Many priceless and historic ministry treasures were stored in that house from our over sixty years of mission work around the world. Much of it was not stored in an orderly fashion. It took the careful examination of every single item removed from the house to not accidentally discard an irreplaceable piece of Goff Ministries' history. Many incredible things were discovered in this process, the existence of which had been long forgotten. Ministry audio and video recordings dating back to the 1970s were located, along with many pictures. I have been hard at work digitizing these invaluable treasures over the past several months to preserve them for the future and make them easier to use for ministry purposes.

This work of digitizing and preserving these historic ministry treasures is another gargantuan task that will take a while to complete. However, I know that it is worth it because the Lord will receive much glory through this effort. These are records of what God has done in our lives and can do in the lives of anyone who dares to trust in Him. I have many plans for using this content in the future for the work of the Lord. I also hope to make a lot of it available online on our website to bless and encourage the body of Christ, especially all of you who have been a part of this ministry and have only heard about the things preserved in these historic recordings.

While all of this has been going on, the ministry has continued in a different but new and exciting direction. On one of my several trips between Lubbock and Sandia, Texas (moving mom and dad and all of their stuff down there), I noticed that Dad's spirits were down due to his health conditions and his inability to get out and be as active in ministry. Dad turned eighty-one this last November, and although his spirit to serve the Lord is still as strong as it has ever been, his body has been weakened due to the many struggles with health he has had in recent years. So I began earnestly seeking the Lord for guidance on how to help dad continue to minister to his total capacity despite his health. The Lord had also been working on dad in the same area. So, on one of my visits there, Dad and I were inspired to start a new ministry path. This one is slightly different from what we have done in the past.

This new ministry is actually not a new idea but an old idea from the 1960s. Back then, the Lord inspired dad and mom to rent a billboard for a month and have this simple message placed on it, "**I'm sorry for my sins JESUS, please Forgive me**". They had no number for anyone to call back then, so people began calling the billboard company. They told the manager how powerfully that message on the billboard had affected them and shared many testimonies with him about it. The response was so great that the billboard company kept that message up on the billboard free of charge for a long time afterward. The Lord brought this event to our remembrance, and we felt strong guidance to take this simple idea and use it in this modern age. Thus, was born our new ministry website, SorryForMySins.com.

Many of you may recognize that we live in the MEME generation. Memes are short, straightforward messages that are placed on a picture. The Lord revealed to us that the billboard idea that was hatched back in the 1960s, was essentially a Meme, and it was the perfect tool to reach this modern generation. So, we had signs and bumper stickers made with that same message, "I'm sorry for my sins JESUS, please Forgive me ." We placed these signs on dad's truck and RV, so that they could be used as mobile billboards. The only difference is that now, there is a website, sorryformysins.com, where anyone who reads the message can go to and actually get saved. Here are some pictures of dad's mobile billboard ministry. (See the online version of this newsletter for color images at goffministries.org).



Dad and I could have never imagined the response that we would get to this simple message. Within just the first month, the sorryformysins.com website had received over 2,000 Visits! PTL! That is 2,000 people that were presented with the simple salvation message. The sorryformysins.com website is designed around the same idea as the sign; the salvation message in a simple meme style format. As soon as the person lands on the site, they are immediately met with scripture-based memes that present the salvation message to them. I have also included custom videos on the site that walks visitors through the plan of salvation and offers them the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior.

Over the last several months since we launched this new ministry, many thousands more people have visited the site. Each one of them has had the opportunity to get saved. All dad has to do is drive his truck or RV to a high-traffic place and park there for as long as the Lord leads him to. This ministry was envisioned to allow dad to continue to be active in evangelism despite his physical struggles. However, the reality is that it has enabled dad to become a much more powerful instrument of evangelism than if he were physically directly speaking to people. Of course, many people have come up to dad while he has been parked, and dad still gets to minister with them personally. Regardless of where dad goes, the Gospel is being preached to all who read those signs! Hallelujah!

We are just in the beginning stages of the development of the SorryForMySins.com ministry. I am currently working on many improvements to the website and additional evangelistic materials for distribution. In addition, I am working on designs for T-shirts, Hats, and Bumper stickers so that many more people can join in on this ministry and wear this message wherever they go. I also hope to be able to rent a billboard along I-20 in the near future to put this message on. I believe that this ministry will reach countless thousands with the Good News.

Now, I want to catch you up on our Wai Wai missionary in Brazil that I told you about in our last newsletter, sister Elsie. In August of last year, we received an urgent call from her sister telling us that Elsie was not doing well. She was suffering from severe abdominal pain. My heart sank when her symptoms were described to me as I sensed that she had suffered a ruptured appendix. A ruptured appendix is a severe medical crisis that requires immediate surgery. Unfortunately, Elsie was back in a village, hundreds of miles from a hospital that could perform such a surgery. We immediately went to the Lord in prayer on our knees. We encouraged her sister to rush her to the nearest hospital. Unfortunately, even after making the 300 miles trip out to the capital city of Boa Vista, Elsie was turned away from every hospital due to the hospitals being overwhelmed with Covid patients.

Three days had passed since her appendix had ruptured. It was clear to all that had any medical knowledge that Elsie was dying and that the time to save her had long passed. But this is only if you see through the eyes of human knowledge. We were looking through the eyes of faith in our Lord! So we kept searching for a hospital to take her. Finally, on the morning of the fourth day, an exclusive private hospital received her and was able to get the surgery she desperately needed. The doctor said that when he got inside her that her intestines were full of infection. After the surgery, he said he was not hopeful that she would make it. But God was not done with Elsie! Despite all the odds against her, Elsie pulled

through!! Praise the Lord! The doctor himself has said on many occasions since that it was God that saved her, not him. He said that he had never seen a person of such faith as Elsie, who was still standing strong in her faith in God's ability to save her even as she was being rushed back for surgery.

Some amazing things happened as a result of what happened to Elsie. The hospital that took her was a private hospital and very expensive. They required daily payment for services. Irene and I immediately emptied our savings account to pay for the surgery and the first few days of Elsie's stay, but we knew that her recovery would take much longer than we could afford. We started an online fundraiser to raise funds to help pay her bills. Many beautiful people contributed generously to it, for which we are immeasurably thankful. However, something else happened that totally blew us away. The whole Waiwai tribe, in every village, across two states in Brazil, started their own fundraisers to help pay for Elsie's bills. This has NEVER happened before. Not even in a single village. I cannot convey to you how completely shocked I was when I heard that they were doing this for Elsie, as it is simply not in their culture to act this way. The fact that they did this for Elsie, is nothing short of a massive statement by the tribe showing just how important this humble servant of God is to them. Many of them are alive today as a result of her work. When they heard that they might lose her and she needed help, they came together and did all they could to help save her. It was nothing short of a miracle, and no one understands this better than Elsie herself.

The last person who was able to unite the whole Wai Wai tribe like this was Elsie's father Elka. It is clear from this event that the tribe sees her as carrying the mantle that her father held. Just as Elisha carried the anointing of Elijah after the Lord carried him away, in the same manner, the tribe sees Elsie as carrying on her father's anointing as a spiritual leader. This was something invisible that no one, not even myself, realized until this event. There is no question as to why it was not Elsie's time to go. The Lord has work for her to do yet!

The funds that were raised were enough to fully cover all of Elsie's medical bills at the hospital. PTL! She is still on the road to full recovery. The surgery was extensive and her recovery has been slow. Soldier of Christ that she is, her biggest struggle is patience during this recovery process and waiting for her body to heal. She would much rather be going full force for the Lord. Please keep her in your prayers for rapid recovery.

On a personal note, dad and mom are finally fully moved into their home in Sandia and are adjusting to their new life there. Valene and Scott are living with them and have picked up the mantle of caring for them. They are such a blessing as mom and dad are too far away for me to be available to them quickly, and it gives me peace to know that Scott and Valene are with them. Please keep them in your prayers as well. Scott recently experienced a significant heart issue and required emergency surgery. The surgery was successful, and Scott is doing well. PTL! Prayers for his full recovery are much appreciated.

There is so much more I could write about, but I will end this letter here. Again, I want you all to know just how grateful we are for your continued support of this ministry. God has many great rewards awaiting you.

Your servants on Christ Jesus,
Vaughn & Irene
Larry & Betty

P.S. One final piece of business before I go is to inform all of you of our new mailing address for letters and donations. Please send all future mailings to this address:

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