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IMPORTANT INFORMATION! PLEASE READ!

Dear Precious Family in Jesus,

Greetings in the mighty Name of our Lord and Savior, from Christ's humble servant, Brother Vaughn. I pray this letter finds you doing well and secure in the knowledge that our God is great and mighty and holds all things in His hands. All glory and honor to Him who has redeemed us and who gives hope.

I know it has been a very long time since our last newsletter, and I appreciate all of your faithfulness and patience during this long time. I promise I will do my best to catch you up on everything that happened during this last year. So buckle up because this is going to be a long letter.

In my last letter, I told you about the new mobile billboard RV ministry that we started for Dad to help him continue to evangelize even with his reduced mobility. I am happy to say that Dad has continued to spread the Gospel of Jesus with his mobile billboard, and we have seen a lot of results, with tens of thousands of visits to the SorryForMySins.com website over the past year. We have added some new features, such as a new scannable QR code on the RV so people can scan the code to go to the website. We have also had some witnessing cards printed up with the same QR code and a short message on them that can be handed out. We would love to expand to actual billboards if the Lord provides.

Due to the extreme summer heat in Texas and the AC on Dad's RV going out, Dad could not get out as much as he would have liked this summer. At his age, it was not wise for him to be out in these conditions without a good AC. However, you know Larry Goff well enough to know that he is not one to let moss grow on him. So, I asked the Lord for a solution for Dad to continue to evangelize without actually having to go out into the heat. The Lord provided an unexpected solution that is not only surprising but is also effective and ticks many boxes for Dad.

There are two things Dad loves: fishing for people and fishing for fish, in that exact order. Being that he was not able to do either in the real world due to the historical heatwave this summer, the Lord inspired me to look into the virtual world for a solution. The solution presented itself in the form of a live online global fishing game. In this game, you can travel around the world to real-looking fishing spots and fish right alongside other real players from all over the world. Each player has their name that appears above their head, and if you want to, you can actually talk to them while fishing. Here is a picture of how Dad looks in the game and another picture showing how he positions himself in front of other players so they can read the web address over his head. Due to the 12-character limit on name creation, we had to find a different name for Dad to use, as SorryForMySins.com is 18 characters long. The Lord showed us, JesusSavU.com, which is a real URL and will also take you to the SorryForMySins.com website.



(Note: The pictures are more detailed and full color in the digital version of this letter online.)

In the game, Dad travels to many different locations where people are fishing so they can read the message. Sometimes, the other players will talk with him live, giving him the opportunity to minister to them. While this may seem to be a very unusual way for Dad to evangelize, it has allowed him to reach people worldwide from his Living room!

Now that the weather has cooled down, Dad will be able to get out and do more in-person ministering as well. While Dad's body may not be that of a young man anymore, his heart to continue to reach others with the Gospel has not diminished even in the slightest.

With today's technology, we can do so much more than we ever could in the last century. The world has gone digital, opening the door to minister in many new ways. The Apostle Paul evangelized the known world for almost 20 years and did many great works, but the greatest and longest-lasting work that Paul did was not during those 20 years. It was during the three years he was under house arrest in Rome, and could go nowhere, that Paul accomplished his most influential work. It was there that he wrote the letters that make up the majority of the New Testament that we so cherish today. Can you imagine what would have happened if Paul's longing for in-person evangelization and the open road had prevented him from embracing what he could do where he was? What a terrifying thought! Praise God, Paul did not do that, and he sat down to write those fantastic letters that have guided billions of Christians for the last 2000 years!

In the same manner that the Apostle Paul was not able to get out and do the same traveling and in-person evangelizing while under house arrest in Rome, Dad, and Mom are not able to go and do the same things as they used to do. However, they have so much to offer and many great testimonies to share that the world needs to hear now and in the future! In light of this, the Lord inspired me that, like Paul, it is time for Dad and Mom to start writing their letters. The modern form of letters is Video. So, I set them up with a video recording system. Now, whenever they feel the leading of the Lord to share a testimony or a message, they can turn the camera on and record what the Lord has put on their heart. They have already recorded some messages that I am currently editing and preparing to post online on Dad's YouTube channel and other social media accounts that I manage for them. We are excited about this opportunity to use technology to continue to reach the world with the Gospel.

Now, I want to update you on several events and changes to our ministry that have occurred in the last year. I wish it were all good news, and from a spiritual perspective, it is because we know the Lord is in control of all things. However, we have suffered some difficulties and struggles over the past year.

You may have noticed that it has been over a year since our last newsletter. The reason for this is that we have not had the funds to afford to send a paper newsletter out. With a heavy heart, I must inform you that this will be the last paper newsletter we will send out. We simply do not have the financial ability to do it anymore. Even the cost of this letter is coming out of our reserve funds. The good news is that we will continue to issue newsletters in digital form and make them available to you by several methods. I will give you all this information toward the end of this letter. Please save this letter as it contains this vital information.

The simple truth is that in the last three years, Goff Ministries has lost over 80% of its monthly support. The financial support base for Goff Ministries was built in the 1970s and 80s. Many of our wonderful supporters are now with our Lord in heaven, enjoying their crowns of glory and meeting all the people in heaven who are there because of their support for this ministry. While our financial support has been going down slowly for years, between July and August of 2022, we lost three of our four top financial supporters as well as some of our minor financial supporters. We suddenly found ourselves deep in the red financially, and as the funds manager for Goff Ministries, I had to make some hard decisions trying to get Goff Ministries back in the black.

The first thing I had to do was immediately shut down the Good News Camp, as it was way beyond our financial ability. The Camp was mine and Irene's home, so in August of 2022, Irene and I had to move into a spare room with our daughter Esther in Gonzales, Texas. Additionally, I also returned to full-time employment to further relieve the financial burden on Goff Ministries and preserve whatever funds we had left for the care of Mom and Dad. Irene and I have been fully self-supporting for the last year. Even so, with the rapidly rising cost of living and the continued decrease in monthly support, Goff Ministries has continued to be in the red every month. The Lord had shown me that this time was coming, and I had diligently saved up excess donations over the past few years. These reserve funds have helped us balance the budget each month in spite of the shortages.

Throughout the 60-year history of Goff Ministries, there have been times when we have to resort to, "Tent Making", to support the ministry, as the Apostle Paul himself had to do. So, we are not discouraged by these events. Actually, we are humbled and blessed by the many faithful supporters who made it possible for us to be fully vested in the Lord's work for so many years. We are so grateful for those who continue to remain faithful to this ministry unto this day, and we want you to know that we will continue to serve God with all our hearts and never stop seeking ways to preach the Gospel to the world. These are challenging times for everyone, but our God is Awesome and Great, and He will never abandon us.

It is with a truly broken heart that I have to inform you of some devastating events in the Goff family. On September 26, 2023, Satan entered into the heart of the husband of my niece Grace (Valene's daughter), and he took her life and then his own. Words are an extremely inadequate vehicle to describe the shock and grief that has rocked our family as a result of this unthinkable tragedy. This, indeed, was a bolt of lightning out of a clear blue sky, as there simply was no warning or reason for this heinous act. While our faith remains unscathed and unwavering, the physical consequences and impact on the Goff family as a result of this event are far-reaching.

Grace is the oldest daughter of my sister Valene. She was a devout servant of God who loved the Lord and sought to bring glory to His name with her life. She was unashamed of her faith in Jesus, and all that knew her will attest to her boldness in proclaiming the Gospel. Her first name was Elizabeth, but at a young age, she chose to be called by her middle name, "Grace," which was a quality she exemplified, not only in name, but by her actions as well. She touched many people in her life, and her life celebration service was attended by people from all over the State of Texas whose lives she impacted.

Grace has four children, three of whom are still minors. Having lost both parents, they are now orphans. Grace had a will in which she made her mother, Valene, guardian of her children. However, as Valene and her husband, Scott, live in an RV next to Mom and Dad and are the primary caretakers for Mom and Dad, this event has added significant burdens and complications to their lives. They are without a home in which to raise their three orphaned grandchildren and are in desperate need of a house. Additionally, Grace was the business manager for Scott's electrical company, and her loss has jeopardized the stability of the company and Scott and Valene's only source of income. So, at the time of the worst grief any parent can possibly imagine, they have been bombarded with a seemingly impossible load of concerns and no apparent solutions. It goes without saying that they need everyone's fervent prayer during this unimaginably difficult time.

Irene and I are also praying for the means to provide a home for Mom and Dad to live here with us on our daughter Esther's land (where we could better care for them) to alleviate the burden on Valene and Scott. This, of course, will only be possible if the Lord provides a way. Again, prayer is eagerly welcomed in this regard. We know the Lord has a solution to all of this, and we will faithfully and patiently wait upon Him, who has never failed us.

Now, to the final bit of business. As mentioned earlier, this will be our final paper newsletter, but please do not be disheartened. We live in a digital age, and thankfully, many alternate avenues exist that are easy and free to use to keep you updated. Actually, because it will not be a financial burden on us, we will be able to update you more frequently and even have live interaction with you. Here are some different methods I have set up for you to keep up with us. For your convenience, I have included scannable QR codes. In lieu of typing in the addresses manually, you can scan these QR codes using your phone's camera and the QR Scanner app.

NOTE: All of the information below is available online at www.goffministries.org on the **Donations** or **Contact Us** pages.

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[NOTE: If you have a preferred digital option that is not listed, please send me an email with the option you prefer, and I will look into it.]

In recent years, some supporters have requested alternate ways to donate financially to Goff Ministries besides physical checks. There are many modern and easy ways to accomplish this. I have chosen the three most widely used modern payment methods available. Please use the information below to make your digital donations through these methods. If you prefer a different digital method, please contact me about it.

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Well, it seems I have run out of space. Words cannot express how grateful we are and how much we cherish your prayers. For over 60 years Goff Ministries has carried the Gospel of Jesus around the world. You, our precious supporters and prayer partners, have played an essential and vital role in everything that we have accomplished for God's Kingdom. Even though our ministry may be changing in how we work, our mission remains the same. This is to preach the Good News of Hope and Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord while there is yet still enough spiritual light to work.

We praise the Lord every day for each and every one of you and lift you up in our daily prayers. May the Lord bless and Keep you until the blessed day of His return, when He will gather up His faithful from the four corners of the earth, and we will all meet in the air. Hallelujah! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

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