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Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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Again, we greet you in the precious name of Jesus our Lord. We do hope this finds you all well, and keeping your eyes focused on Jesus and serving Him with your whole heart. Here is a letter from one of the many who have graduated from the Good news Camp. I'm sure it will bless your heart as it has ours:

Dear Brother Goff and Family,

My thanks and prayers go out to you for taking me in and teaching me about the light. The last few years I've been living purely for myself and Satan almost had me convinced, chemically dependent on opiates. A taste of Hell! Now I've been born again. I owe it all to Jesus Christ for softening my hardened heart and for forgiving me for all the people I hurt, especially myself. We are in a spiritual war, it has been revealed to me. Through my past experiences, it all makes sense to me now. I'm dedicating the rest of my life here on earth to Jesus Christ to gather his lost sheep, just as I was once lost. There is life after life, these bodies are temporary, eternal life is forever. I was headed straight to Hell, and I am so thankful it wasn't my time yet. My Savior had better plans for me. I fully believe this, nothing in this world is for me, all temporary fixes, but the love of Jesus Christ is forever, for He lives inside each one of us. I ask you to keep me in your prayers, for soon I will be back out in the war. I love you guys so much; my life will never be the same. I will never forget what you've all done for me. May Gods grace be with us all and the Lord show you the light and be with your Spirits.

With Love, Ryan Montana McCray (Surfer boy)©

Add this to your treasures in heaven because you all have a great part along with us in the results that have happened in the lives of those who pass through the camp.

Now we are honored to tell you that our daughter, Valene, has joined the ministry at The Good News Camp as a full time counselor. You will be blessed as you read these words from her heart.

Hi, my name is Valene and I am Larry and Betty's daughter. I have been so blessed to be in the Goff family and now the Lord has blessed me even more to be able to be a part of the wonderful ministry in Abilene Texas, **The Good News Camp**. Many things have transpired in my life in these past 25 years. I have 3 wonderful children, all grown up and on their own. I also have 3 beautiful grandchildren.

It's hard to know where to begin. I have had many trials in my life, but I see how the things that I've been through have taught me so much and prepared me for what the Lord is doing in my life now. I'd like to begin by sharing a little about how God brought me through one of the hardest trials I've had in my life and that a lot of parents across America can identify with. My oldest daughter at the age of 15 went into a lifestyle of rebellion; she became an extreme drug

addict and lived in the darkest places in Dallas. By the time she was 19, she had overdosed 2 times and had her daughter taken away from her. I won't go into too much detail, since this is her testimony as well. From a mother's side, I cried out to God many nights for my daughter. Many times she would disappear and I would have no idea where she was or even if she was alive. When the phone rang my whole body would get a shiver of pain, thinking that this might be the phone call where they would tell me she was dead. I had to give her into the hands of God. I prayed to God and asked Him to do whatever it would take to bring her back to Him. One day after 6 months of not hearing from her, the phone rang and the first words I heard were, "Grace died," followed by "but they brought her back." The doctors said she lost oxygen to her brain and may never think normally again. I tried to talk to her but she would not talk to me. Finally after they had put her in a mental hospital, she talked to me and she cried. She told me how demons were telling her how horrible of a person she was and how she had cried out to God to help her. I told her how much Jesus loved her and how much I loved her and told her to come to my home. She came and lived with me, and to make a long story short, the Lord completely delivered her from drugs and over time she got her mind and her daughter back etc.... She has a wonderful Christian husband and 2 more beautiful children now and is serving Christ! I am so thankful.

Now God has opened the door for me to minister to people that want to come off drugs and alcohol. It has been such a blessing for me these past 4 months to see God touching and renewing lives. My heart is filled with joy and gladness that He has given me this opportunity to help others like my daughter. These people and are all precious. I can tell them that there is hope and that all things are possible with Jesus in your life. This world has many substitutes for making you feel good, whether it's money, sex, or drugs, but those things are only temporary fixes. The only true lasting peace and joy comes from a life of serving and putting Jesus first.

There is so much that I'd love to share, but it would turn into a book if I tried to write it all down. I've seen how God can turn tragedy into triumph, sorrow into joy and let these trials become tools to help repair the broken lives of others. Like my Mom always told me when I was growing up. "Satan likes to stomp mud holes, but God just plant's flowers in them."

Thank you for letting me share some of what God has done in my life. May God bless you and keep you always in His care.

In Christ's service, Valene

We are also excited to tell you that Vaughn's ministry with the Texas Tech students continues to grow and is very successful. Along with doing 90 percent of the administrative work for Goff Ministries and the work he does at the camp, and carrying on the Amazon ministry by phone and mail, only god know how he does it.

One more thing we are pleased to share with you is that Scott Smith has returned to minister with us after thirty years. We will go into more detail about Scott in our next newsletter. He is a precious brother and like a son to us.

We pray all this good news will lift you up in the midst of so much earthly bad news. We remember all of you often, in prayer, and thank you each one for your prayers for us, and the financial blessings that keep this ministry going. We know that you all have needs too and we do lift those to the Lord every time we think of you. God bless you.

Yours in Christ, THE GOFF FAMILY