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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First of all we want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you are able to be with your families and have a joyous time remembering that Jesus came to earth as a baby in a manger to grow up and give his life as a ransom for all our sins. Glory to God the Father for loving us so much to sacrifice His son for our redemption and Glory to Jesus for his willingness to give Himself as a sacrifice for all of us. God bless you each one, we all here at Goff Ministries send our heartfelt love and prayers to you. Thank you for remembering us too and sharing your prayers and finances with us so we can continue to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. God bless you each one abundantly!

Well, on with the news of the ministry! Larry only stayed home for two weeks after returning from the Arctic. The Lord then took him on a trip through Texas and Louisiana, a big u-turn from north to south. Then he came home for another two weeks and was off again, this time from Texas to Maryland, New York, Connecticut, back through Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and then back to Texas and home. Since returning, he has been working on the story of our lives, over the last fifty years as missionaries. It is a video book with pictures that you will be able to sit and listen to him telling the stories and see him and the pictures right on your TV, via the internet or get copies of the DVD's and watch them at your leisure. The first segment is almost ready. We'll let you know shortly when it is complete.

I will now put a few of the testimonies of happenings on Larry's recent trips. Next letter we'll tell you more, but it would be too long to put them in all at once. Here are a few examples. "I went back to Slidell, LA where I had ministered 7 years ago with David Jolly, just before Hurricane Katrina hit. I stopped in a restaurant about 9 p.m. one night. As I entered, the waitress asked me whether I would like to sit in the dining room or in the bar? I asked her if anyone was in the bar and she said no, it was empty. God led me to choose to sit in the empty bar. Shortly a man came in, who was the owner, and he began to do bookwork. His name was Ray. He asked who I was? I explained how that seven years ago I had preached at Snake's Place and led a group of men in prayer, and that I was a servant of the Lord. He immediately said he had questions for me to answer. He said, "Preacher, what's going on in the world?" I told him Satan was angry and the only way we could protect our mind from his influence was to use the power of Jesus Christ to take all our thoughts captive to the obedience of God's word. He then asked why I had come to his restaurant tonight? I told him that the Holy Spirit had led me here. He said, "I know this is true because this morning a man came in for breakfast and when I talked to him he told me to turn my life and business over to the Lord and that tonight another man would come to tell me more. I know you are that man! You are both strangers to me so I know this has to be God and would you please pray for me because I do want to turn my life and business over to the Lord." As I held Ray in my arms and we prayed together, I now knew why the Lord had sent me there." Hallelujah!

Later on, I was in Bernard Parish, on the coast, in a Waffle House. It is a suburb of New Orleans. I was there one week before the seven-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. It was about two in the morning and a group of lesbians came in to eat. I got up to leave but they called me over and invited me to sit with them. I knew the Lord was working and eventually they realized I was a preacher. They were all very receptive to my ministry at first, until God began to give me words of knowledge about their lives. Then they were kind of shocked but still respectful, except for one girl that began to shout at me, "You can't come in here and judge us!!" I immediately responded that I was not her judge, and I pointed out the window and said, "Nature is your judge! There is not one female fish in that ocean out there that lusts after another female fish and neither do the birds or any animal, so they are your judge." And then I said, "The reason Satan puts this evil desire into a human beings mind is because we are all created in the image and likeness of God and Satan knows that it breaks God's heart when people do evil things." They got up and left and little did I know that one week later, on the seven year anniversary of Katrina, that Hurricane Isaac would hit, the eye of it coming in right at Bernard Parish and wreaking havoc exactly where I had just preached!

I headed back to Texas and stopped in Galveston to visit with Esther and Nathan, our granddaughter and her husband. As you know, Esther is in Medical school and she was studying for a big test. Nathan and I got out of her

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hair and went out witnessing that night. We went to another Waffle House (they stay open all night), about 11pm. We sat down on the stools between two women. I spoke with the woman on my left as Nathan spoke with the lady on his right. I asked the young woman her name and when she told me the Holy Spirit revealed to me that she had just cried out to the Lord for help. As I told her what the Lord had shown me, she grabbed me by the shoulders and asked, "Are you an Angel? I was just over there on the beach and I looked up in the heavens and cried out to God, "Do you have at least one angel who cares about me, even a little bit?" She then told me that she was planning suicide that night, but she was okay now that God had shown her He cared for her. She just kept hugging me and asking if I was real, or was I an angel. I told her I was just a servant of the Lord, and that He did really care for her that is why he had sent us there at the right moment and answered her prayer. Meanwhile, Nathan was talking to the older woman next to him, who happened to be the manager's mother. She was a Christian and said she recognized that something was wrong with the young woman before we arrived but didn't know how to approach her. She prayed that God would send someone in to talk to that woman and God used us to answer her prayer also. God is so good, and he does care about each one of us and also cares about the lost and lonely people out there who need to find God and turn their lives over to Jesus to be the Lord of their lives. We just thank God he uses us in small ways to help even one of them. You are all being used by the Lord too and have a part of winning these souls because you make it possible for us to go and minister where most people don't go. Thank you and God bless you. So until next time we remain as ever, on the front lines for Jesus! Larry and Betty

From Vaughn and Irene:

Dear Family of God,

I praise the Lord for all of His mercy and blessing as I sit here and type these few lines. As the year of 2012 nears it's close, I am humbled by what God has done through us, and your faithfulness to this ministry. 2012 has been a strange year to say the least. God has allowed us the time and resources to accomplish many of the projects that we had envisioned when the camp first began. I am thankful for what the Lord has done this year at the camp and excited for what the New Year brings.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you a word of encouragement that I have shared with many fellow Christians who have come to the camp for counsel with hearts heavy with worry and concern over recent events in our country. Many find themselves with little or no hope as they see the direction our country is headed in. To all of you who feel this way, I say, "Fear not! For I am with you!" says the Lord God Creator of the Universe.

As you look around, you may see those that worketh the work of evil, planning and scheming and seemingly accomplishing all that they plan and there appears to be none who are able to stop them. It seems that they are ever busy and unrelenting in their quest. But when you see this, I want to remind you to consider the anthill. The next time you see an anthill; take a minute to focus upon it intently at close range. You will see the ants busy at work, each one working in perfect harmony with all the others. If you study this closely, you will see an amazing amount of work and coordination occurring and it seems as though they are accomplishing great and mighty endeavors; and to the ant, he is! But if you then get up and walk away to distance of one hundred feet or more and look back at the anthill, you will not be able to see it anymore. For all their hard work and organization, the anthill is so insignificant and inconsequential that even from a short distance it becomes almost invisible to its environment. It is in this way that our God sees the workings of mankind on the face of the earth. To us, it seems as though these people, who would work evil, are accomplishing great and mighty tasks with precision and organization. But to God, The Creator of the Universe, all of man's work and organization is as insignificant and inconsequential as the anthill. For those of us who place our faith in our God, we should also endeavor to see man's workings in this way.

Well, it is time for me to go. I pray the Lord's blessings be upon you. May His truth be your ever-constant guide.

In God's Service, Vaughn, Irene, Ephraim, & Benjamin