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The year of 2015 has begun as one of our toughest years since the LORD started this ministry, enduring one trial of our Faith after another. We know that we are at WAR and our enemy does not like those who are adamant about serving the LORD and TRUSTING only in His Will for our lives. That is why we follow the lead of our Saviour Jesus Christ when He was tempted of the devil; Jesus simply quoted Scriptures back at him. "It is Written"... Therefore we, by Faith, cling to GOD'S FAITHFUL WORD as we walk through our troubles, knowing He is there with us, guiding us, leading us and encouraging us each and every day!

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
(Eph 6:10-12)

Once again the LORD allowed us to travel westward visiting several Churches in Texas but that was not our only reason for making the trip back to Texas. Right after we hit the Texas line we had called a long time friend and fellow Veteran who I had served with in Desert Strom to meet him and his wife for breakfast. We had a wonderful time getting reacquainted and caught up on each other's family as well as where they were Spiritually. Simply by sharing with them how the LORD was using us in so many Soldier's and Veteran's lives, they began to comment on their need to get back into a good church. It is amazing how just giving your testimony can produce such a conviction in others lives, without ever having to say to them "where you going to church?" Our first meeting was with Iglesia Bautista Independent "El Calvario" of Conroe Texas. We met Pastor Ruben Limon in Georgia just after leaving Texas in October and he requested that we come by and present our Ministry to his Church. This was the first time I had ever preached with a translator (Samuel Limon, Pastor's son) and it was both fun and exciting as we saw the LORD move despite the language barrier.

Next we dropped in on Pastor Rumbaugh of Bethel Baptist Church in La Grange Texas. He was excited to have us come by and had us present our Ministry and preach for them on that Wednesday evening. There were several families in the Church who had family in the Military for which the LORD used us to be an encouragement to them. Traveling to Austin Texas we again had the privilege of meeting with yet another of my combat buddies and Veterans of Desert Strom. This one however was one of the young men that served under me in our section. We had tried to visit him during our last trip to Austin but could not arrange it, but this time we all went out for dinner and had a great time of fellowship over a good meal. Again we did not get all preachie at them but it was evident that they were under some conviction as they would comment about knowing they were not living right and that they needed to find them a good church. Please do not get us wrong... we always make it a point somewhere in the conversations to point out why we believe what we do, with nothing held back, giving the Gospel of Christ but with compassion and Grace. We also had the opportunity to present our Ministry at South Austin Baptist Church with Pastor Chad Hart. Several months back we had walked three and a half miles to visit this church on a Wednesday evening. This time we did not have to walk and the LORD blessed greatly throughout the meeting.

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On our way to Midland Texas we dropped by to visit Pastor Dale Strawn of Bible Baptist Church in Llano Texas upon the recommendation of some friends of ours. Pastor Strawn gave us a few minutes to present our work but already had an evangelist scheduled to preach for him that night. We were able to be both blessed to talk with several families of Veterans and to be a blessing to a family by being obedient to the LORD in helping out with a need they had in their lives. Please remember Pastor Strawn in your prayers as he had just had brain surgery and is still recovering. We visited him again before leaving Texas and he had had a relapse but was again on the road to recovery.

From Llano we headed west to Midland Texas to be with Pastor Robb Forman whom we met at the Bible Literature Missionary Foundation's meeting last October. This is the "Church in the backyard" as they affectingly call it, why, because it is in the back yard of one of their member's home. We went Soul winning with them and preached after presenting our Ministry. The LORD once again blessed with us being able to witness and invite several Soldiers and Veterans to the meetings. One Veteran who is a faithful member there caught the "Fire" and asked me for a bunch of our Gospel tracts "Battle Ready Sir" on Sunday Morning. By Sunday evening he gave a report of how many he had already given away to the homeless Veterans living near him.

Cathy's injured back caused us to change our travel plans so we dropped in on Pastor Brandon Newton of Nugent Baptist Church for several days, preaching and helping them on their building project. Sunday evening we dropped by Liberty Baptist Church of Abilene Texas and met a wonderful couple. He is in the Air Force and stationed there, and they were celebrating their one year anniversary on that day. We were blessed by their singing and testimony for the LORD and had an opportunity to also share some materials with Pastor McCravey as he is ministering to the many Troops who come through his Church. With Cathy needing to rest her back again we stopped by Faith Baptist Church in Cisco Texas. We spent several days with them fellowshiping with Pastor Chashain and his family. Suffering from a recent head injury I had a difficult time preaching and giving a report of our Ministry but the LORD was still present with us and it was a good evening with all the folks there at Faith Baptist Church. While there we were notified that we MUST make a journey back to Michigan and had to cancel several meetings in Texas, Arkansas, and Alabama.

We also had to bump up the main reason we had returned to Texas to visit a Veteran near Dallas. We had been asked to visit this Vietnam Veteran by his brother and could not leave the state without at least giving it a try. I called him on Saturday morning and asked if we could drop by and visit him before leaving that day. We had parked the night before nearby to be prepared should he be willing to meet with us. When I called he told us to come on over that he would give me a few minutes of his time. That few minutes turned into a good long conversation through which he said he was glad we had stopped by and that we would be hearing back from him. We left him with some materials to read through, one of which is the book called "Grace Will Lead You Home" and the other was a CD called "Vietnam was not in vain". The LORD differently moved on his heart that day and we left there encouraged that we had accomplished our mission for that trip. By 9:30 am we were back on the road making our journey towards Michigan stopping that night at Arnold Baptist Tabernacle in Arnold Missouri to attend services there the next morning. Later that day we began having some engine problems and could not make it to where we had intended to stop for evening services, so at that point we just pulled over for awhile and read scripture and had prayer meeting.

The next day our Prayer was simply "LORD please get us to our mechanic's house". We had very few problems getting down the road as we made our way to Belleville Michigan on Monday. Remember how we said that because of Cathy's back injury we had changed our plans and now 1600+ miles since that time we broke down right there in our mechanics driveway. Had we kept our plans to go further west we would have traveled over 1600 miles and been broke down who knows where with no one we know to call for help. That is GOD my friend and HIS Providence for being where He wanted us to be!!! It took

two days to get the RV fixed with one problem after another showing up but we Praise the LORD for His provision and Grace!!! We could not make it to Revival that week at our Church until Wednesday evening; However, God had a message just for us through which the LORD got our focus back on Him and off our many problems. We can honestly say that is when the Tide of our troubles really began to turn. THANK you Brother Griffis for being obedient to the LORD that night! THANK you Pastor Cox for being obedient to the LORD in having the revival that week when we had no idea we would be needing such a WORD from GOD! THANK you to all who kept us in your Prayers during this time!

Since we were back in Michigan we spent the weekend with Cathy's family and attended Bible Baptist Church of Pinconning for Resurrection Sunday. Cathy's mother was having a minor procedure done that week so we stayed with her throughout that time before leaving the following day. Wednesday evening we dropped by 1st Baptist Church of Garden City to thank Pastor Stanley for helping us through our RV repairs only to find he was in the Hospital himself. Brother Stanley has been through a lot these past several years and could use some intercessory Prayer on his behalf if you wouldn't mind adding him to your prayer list. Thursday we were told that my Step-mother was given about twenty-four hours to live so we headed down to Toledo to be with her and family. We spent the evening right there in the parking lot and most of the next day again with family and Mom. My heart was Blessed when we began to discuss the funeral details with my step-brother and step-sister and their spouses. I had made the comment about canceling meetings in the south and just staying there to be present for the funeral when they all said "NO"! They reassured us that Mom wouldn't want us to cancel on her behalf and then said this to us... "Go Minister to the living and let us bury the dead!" Thank you Jerry & Donna also John & Ila for your Compassion, Godly Grace and understanding that whether there in person or in spirit our hearts grieve that we will never see Mom again on this side but rejoices that we will see her again! Rene Kidman was laid to rest on Tuesday April 14th 2015... You will be missed!!!

With the blessing of my family we headed out for Cleveland Tennessee to be with Pastor Harold Cooper a long time acquaintance and friend. On our way there we made a detour to once again visit the family of Richard Twohig (Marine - Iraq Veteran). We had been asked to visit this man nearly five years ago and when we did he would not let us meet with him, so we met with his mother (retired Marine Major) and left what materials we had at that point. Richard has since gone through some difficult times and is still in need of much prayer. Again we left the new materials with his mother and are asking as many as would please put this young man on your prayer list! We were encouraged to learn that he is considering a Veteran Treatment facility to detox from all the medications the VA has put him on and try to work through the real problems in his life. After arriving in Cleveland TN we also had an opportunity to visit Cathy's Brother and Sister-in-law who is currently working in that area. We had a wonderful time out to dinner with them and getting caught up on family and events we both miss because of our mobile lifestyles. Sunday afternoon we drove down to Haven of Rest Baptist Church in Plainville Georgia. On Monday Brother Jason was able to find us a mechanic to diagnose one last problem we were having with the engine and we were able to get that fixed that day. One of the spark plug wires that had been replaced just a few weeks before was faulty so the auto parts store replaced the whole set and the fouled spark plug at no cost. Our engine light came on one more time but has since gone off Praise the LORD. From Tennessee we visited friends in Valley Alabama and then made our way down to Columbus Georgia to visit two families we have known for years. One is still serving there at Fort Benning and the other family is actually two Veterans we served with and members of Grace Baptist Church in Baumholder in Germany many years ago. We had dinner with them and then drove back over the Alabama line to attend a Tent meeting going on at Faith Independent Baptist Church of Smith Station AL. There were several folks there who knew us from other visits we had made to this area of the country and Pastor Grantham wants us to contact him upon our return down that way. Leaving Columbus GA we were finally back on our schedule as we preached at Northside Baptist Church in Jessup GA and visited Faith Baptist Church

of Ludowici GA. We have known both of these Pastors for several years and count them as good friends who are reaching out to our Soldiers at Fort Steward GA.

Just before leaving Georgia we made a stop at Cracker Barrel restaurant off of I-95 to have a late breakfast. Another RV pulled in right after us and the two brothers who were traveling with it struck up a conversation with us in the parking lot which carried over into the store itself. Finally they were seated and shortly thereafter so were we right next to their table. Their waitress came up to us and told us that they said "your money is no good", meaning that they intended to take care of our bill. We thanked them (both Veterans) for their kindness as I gave them our CD and Gospel Tract. They both claimed to have a relationship with the LORD Jesus Christ and told us to keep up the good work for the LORD. We enjoyed our meal and just as we were finishing up three Soldiers walked in and were seated just behind us. Our waitress finally came up to us and said you know you don't have a bill so we replied yes we know but we are waiting on theirs pointing to the three Soldiers. She just laughed and within a few minutes she brought us their bill. After "paying it forward" I came back to their table to let them know that our meal had been "Paid Forward" and now so had theirs. We also handed them our Gospel Tract "Battle Ready Sir", the CD "A Hero" as I told them about Dusty Russell and then gave them a copy of "Grace Will Lead You Home" book. The E-7 was kind of surprised that his meal was paid for and all three were thankful for the gifts we gave them. I carry in my pocket a "Challenge Coin" from an Iraq Veteran who told me "Your making a difference", he also said that he prays that we wouldn't ever stop doing what we are doing. I have been given three "Challenge Coins" since being in this ministry and that one I try to always keep on me. We are still praying for you Daniel and will not give up!!!

"It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name".
(Psalms 18:47-49)

Here is the way our year has started:

1. Truck accident back in December which caused cancelled meetings in Florida for January.
2. In February Cathy was spun and tossed into the dash injuring her back.
3. I split my skull open playing basketball causing a mild concussion and some memory loss.
4. Somehow we poked a hole in the RV roof and did not notice it for three weeks.
5. Cathy's medication order was four days late arriving although NEXT DAY GUARANTEED!
6. We had to drive nearly 100 miles to pick up her meds in heavy rains flooding our lower storage.
7. Cleaning flooded compartments Cathy twisted her back and was unable to stand or walk.
8. The closest Chiropractor was in Midland Texas (where we were headed) about 4 hours drive.
9. Cathy was subpoenaed for jury duty and we had missed the time frame by two weeks. Instead of dismissing us because we were out of state they postponed until the first of June
10. On Monday March 23rd, 2015 we were notified that our income taxes were denied because someone had already filed using Cathy's information as head of household. We were involuntarily inducted into a huge legal battle with the IRS both state and federal. We had to immediately refile our taxes by mail and include documentation to prove who we are, along with affidavits and police report.
11. We had to once again this year cancel meetings for about a month and make an emergency trip to Michigan as quickly as possible to file a police report.
12. During our 1600+ mile journey back to Michigan we began having engine problems.
13. Brett Campbell repaired the initial problems only to find yet another problem before we left.
14. During all of this my step mother was moved into hospice care and passed away 4/11/2015
15. Cathy's Mother also had minor surgery which the LORD allowed us to be with her during surgery.

During this journey we witnessed to many Veterans who thanked us for sharing the LORD with them. One of these men, a Vietnam Veteran, worked where we purchased propane for our RV. He hugged me and said "Thank You so much we need to stick together and help one another" he was wiping his eyes as he walked away. Our Saviour is not just the KING of Kings and LORD of Lords but He is the One who knows everything about us and where we need to be when we needed to be there. We pray that you will not see this letter as a complaint of our troubles but as a Testimony of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ! It is because we desire to follow His will for our lives that we were in the Place of Blessing during this trying of our Faith!!!

Through our trials, GOD is There!

In our Heartache, GOD is There!

When we do not understand, God is There!

We Love being with GOD on the mountain,

But Praise The LORD He is with us in the valley!

Therefore we have been Strengthened through our troubles & trials.

We are encouraged because we see The LORD'S favor upon us.

We are Thankful to serve such a Gracious GOD Full of Mercy and Grace!

We end this letter with a Wonderful Encouragement to what the LORD is doing through us and Operation Liberty. After getting back on our schedule we were invited to a meeting in Way Cross Georgia hosted by Pastor Chad Stanley whom we had met last year. During the meeting all the preachers, missionaries, and evangelist were asked to introduce themselves so that is what I did. After the services a lady rushed up to my wife and I, brushing back the tears asking if we remembered visiting her church nearly two years ago? Yes we replied as she began to tell how we had prayed with her for the LORD to give her one more chance to share the Gospel with her WWII Daddy. She explained how it came to be and that a peace came over her Daddy and in her heart that day. All we can say is "It's worth every mile, It's worth every trial"...

PRAISE THE LORD

- ❖ We continue to gain support of this much needed Ministry. We continue to pray for God's Blessing upon each and every one of Ya'll whom the LORD has given to help us help our Troops!
- ❖ As of April 27th 2015 our Tax issues has been resolved with IRS, however please keep in your prayers that the perpetrator(s) of this crime would be caught and stopped.

PRAYER REQUEST

- ❖ Pray for the fruit of the many thousands of Gospel Tracts we pass out each year.
- ❖ Once again we visited the family of Richard Twohig (Marine) who was wounded in Iraq. Please keep this family and Veteran in your Prayers as he has undergone one setback after another.
- ❖ We also continue to ask prayer for Robert Manley Army SF Veteran finds it difficult to get past his past. We are thankful he calls us at least once a month and this is my prayer for him... Luke 22:32 *But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren..*
- ❖ Please keep Duke Grimstead (Retired 1st Sgt - U.S. Army) in your prayers as he had lung cancer and had to have a portion of his lung removed. He is a very dear friend and Brother in Christ who is recovering at home.
- ❖ We are searching for a 2010 or newer Jeep Wrangler Unlimited (4 Door) to tow behind our RV and are saving funds towards the purchase of this vehicle. We desire prayer for the LORD's will in this and not just what we want or can afford.

Four "HIS GLORY"

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Ephesians 6:10-20

Thank You For Your Generous Support!

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