



Branson Missouri for the 14<sup>th</sup> bi-annual reunion for the unit in which Dan served with in Vietnam in 1968. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon leader, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cav, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division

My dear beloved Roger,

Praying for you always for your peace and joy in the midst of "chaos" and that the hand of God be upon you showing His grace and mercy. I'm know that your situation is difficult and tries your patience and self-control...but just hang in there because the Lord Jesus is coming soon! I am grateful that the Father has given us that hope. It just seems to me that things are getting worse by the day. Evil seems to have gotten the go ahead by Father God to begin the count-down to His Sons soon return. The moral decay in America is shameful and appalling! I marvel at God's patience and mercy, but I do believe His judgment will come sooner rather than later.

I know that your lives are going through some time of testing, but rest assured all will turn out fine. Life is tough right now for all of us and I just wish that those who claim to know Jesus, including you and me, would be more consistent in our testimony. If that would happen, then I think the Church would grow. Please stay the course and flee from the dark side of prison life. Rest assured that Marilyn and I will be praying for your safety and the Holy Spirit's peace.

We just graduated 40 from "Preach the Gospel" from our **Men on Mission** and we are now learning How to Win in Spiritual Warfare. This is a wonderful workbook on how to get the victory over situation when you know you being attacked by the enemy and how you should respond with the "fruits of the Spirit". Not always easy, but then life is not easy or fair. Someone or something is always trying to defeat us, but thank God for Jesus and the Holy Spirit! Just do what you can to remain obedient and faithful because He is coming with His reward for those who live and preach the Gospel.

Bond-servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3: 22-24

I hear all the time about how different most men are out in the compound versus the Chapel. As you already know, they will reap what they sow and soon they will wither as the grass in the field. In the meantime, we work in the hopes that some of these men and women will someday come to the end of themselves and surrender to the Holy Spirit. I am aware that we are living in the last days and this type behavior and lack of character has already been prophesied. ...But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—<sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

II TIMOTHY 3: 1-5

Believe me when I say that there is more hypocrisy out here than in there. At least some of the incarcerated do accept Christ and change. Out here in the world the vast majority of folks are seeking pleasure rather than service. You, my brother, keep up the good work of remaining faithful.

I request that you continue to pray for my two grandsons, Christian and Nathan. They both are lost and continue to "live on the edge" and I am afraid that one of these days I will see them "dressed in blue". This is very sad situation!

Take care and may the God of all comfort give you the profoundest desires of your heart as you delight in Him.

Your fellow man on mission,

OUR SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER...:

**“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices His life for the sheep” JOHN 10: 10, 11**

We had a wonderful summer as we travelled by car through the mid and southwest of this beautiful country. We visited family, the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, went to the Creation Museum in Kentucky, the top of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, made it to Dan’s Vietnam Battalion reunion, had a wonderful time in Branson, Missouri, visited not only Santa Fe but also *Tucumcari*, New Mexico and had an amazing time at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. We actually cut the trip short by a couple days and came back home to recuperate. The trip was wonderful and we thank God for His provision and watch-care.

I mentioned above visiting relatives on our trip this summer. A few years ago while working on a family tree our niece Maria came across some of Marilyn's relatives that she never knew she had. Maria discovered that Marilyn's paternal grandfather Francis Somers left Indiana, moved to Lima, Ohio, remarried and had four more children. We were thrilled to be able to meet Aunt Jean, Uncle Ken, Cousins Kathy and Jill and another Cousin Mark Williams. We had a delightful visit sharing family photos and enjoying their hospitality. Next we went to Indiana where we spent 3 fun-filled days at the home of Aunt Betty who we haven't seen in 26 years. We laughed a lot as we reminisced; she fed us some delicious home cooked meals and treated us to a play. Marilyn's Cousin Cindy and her husband Mike drove over from Ohio to visit with us while we were there too.



## Tucumcari, New Mexico

After returning home on July 29<sup>th</sup> we began putting together our ministry calendar for the rest of the year. Dan's schedule stays basically the same with 17 services a month, driving 900 miles to the six prisons where he conducts Bible studies and worship services for the Hispanic population. Marilyn will be volunteering with Kairos Prison Ministry spending three and a half days in the women's prison presenting a condensed course on basic Christianity and ministering the Love of Christ. She also has 6 speaking engagements at various Christian Women's Clubs around the state.



## A couple of Geezers enjoying Life with Jesus!!

Recently at one of the men's prisons, Dan showed an amazing DVD that featured different Hispanic men and women giving their Christian testimonies. They spoke about what their life was like before Christ. They told how they came to the Lord and how their new life as a Christian has been

enriched since making a decision for Jesus. ...And more importantly, how they are allowing Him to be Lord of their lives. On this particular day, Dan noticed that there were several new inmates in the congregation. He also noticed that one of the new men cried while watching as a woman from Mexico City who spoke of her life growing up in the city dump (yes whole families live in the dump) scavenging through mountains of garbage for food, and any discarded items that could be sold for recycling. She lived in the filth, enduring "bone crushing" poverty which led to a life of crime. Cecilia lived with no hope, she was in and out of prison and her future looked bleak until one day some lady volunteers came to visit the prison. They told her about the Good News of Jesus Christ. She eventually repented and invited the Lord into her heart. Now Cecilia runs a home for 500 boys and girls who are mentally and physically handicapped. The young man who was crying during the video told Dan that that was the way he was raised and that he was glad he came to prison because it was in prison that he heard the Gospel two years ago and turned his life over to Jesus. It always amazes us how God can use incarceration to get someone's attention and to find out how thankful they are that they had come to prison. They are truly "free on the inside" while serving Him during their time of incarceration. The Lord's Spirit is convicting the convicted to repent and live for Him.



Our car was fixed after the accident and it took us  
6,546 miles in the month of July!

As we were winding up the worship service at the women's prison last week Dan asked if there was anyone who wanted to surrender their life to the Lord. Three women came to the front of the chapel. One of the inmates (Trina) came forward with her friend Carol. Trina explained that she and Carol had been cellmates during their incarceration in county jail and that they were now dorm mates in the prison. Carol had lost her hearing when she was a child which left her totally deaf. Since Trina knows sign language, she has been a great blessing in helping Carol understand what's going on in her silent world. With Trina signing the sinner's prayer Carol repeated the words accepting Jesus as her Lord and Savior. What a precious sight this was. All of us at the alter and many of the women in the congregation shared with her tears of joy.

**Please pray for:**

- ✚ Salvations among the women attending the 6 Christian Women's Clubs that Marilyn will be speaking in.

- ✚ For Hispanic inmates to continue their Bible correspondence courses and grow spiritually and that they serve Him right where they are at.
- ✚ For hearts to be prepared to receive Christ during Kairos Inside October 23-26<sup>th</sup> at the women's prison.
- ✚ For Dan's health and for traveling mercies as he drives to the different prisons where he ministers the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thanks once again for your prayers. God is doing "great and mighty things" through your prayers and giving! So far this year there have been 77 professions of faith in Jesus Christ! Wow! PTL!!

In Christian Love,

*Dan and Marilyn*



Our wonderful visit to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon this past summer!