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The Lisemby Family just wrapped up our Spring Revival and Concert Season and are fully engaged in preparations for Summer ministries. June will be a fury of running in all sorts of directions, Concerts, Homecomings, and three full weeks of Summer camps. If you think of us, please pray for us.

This year everyone has been in good health. Praise God we missed all the flu bugs and stomach bugs-none of us have had to miss Concerts, Revivals or travelagain, I praise God.

Noel has had a problem with her ears and even now is taking some meds to help that, but she is still beating on those drums like ever before. All the girls are improving every week on their instruments and never cease to amaze me.

In a few days we will enter our studio to begin a recording of songs featuring Melody. This CD is long overdue and she, along with all of us, is ex cited about it.

Thanks to you who have taken the challenge to give \$25 per month toward the Lisembys ministry. If you haven't taken the challenge, we humble ask for you to pray and ask the Lord if He would lead you to help us. We are still looking for 100 people to donate \$25 per month to help support the Lisemby Family Evangelistic Ministries, Inc.

share our latest project. This year friends from Murmil Baptist Church built a bridge to Psalms Camp Island. This island is going to be an Inspiration and Prayer Garden. We are in the process of erecting a large white cross and placing benches around the cross.



We could use some help with landscaping the island. lf interested, please call me before you buy any plants or shrubs. There is a certain motif or theme I

hope to lean toward, so we don't need random but specifics. plants. This is the Kick-off to the Psalms Camp Garden Club. Here are the specifics of that:

- 1) PCGC will pick out five areas at psalms Camp to isolate for flowering bulbs. plants, shrubs, etc.
- 2) Our Goal is to have something blooming from February thru September at the campground at any given time.
- 3) All themes or motifs will be Christcentered so as to bring inspiration to Christian the and conviction the to Lost.

Several other things we will discuss at our first PC Garden Club meeting which will be held on Saturday, June 7th at noon at the Psalms Camp Cafeteria. Soup and sandwiches will be served. There will be a \$25 yearly membership fee, which will go 100%

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That being said, let me



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toward purchases of garden supplies (plants, hoses, etc.) If you are interested in becoming a member, please let us know and let us know if you will be coming to our first meeting so we can prepare for everyone.

Thanks to anonymous people who have sent help to us. Lives will be touched and changed because of your sacrifices. And we cannot thank all of you enough for all the prayers that have been lifted up for Psalms Camp and for the Lisemby Family Ministries.

We will be doing our Christmas Concerts again this year beginning Monday, December 1 thru Sunday, December 7. If you would like us to come to your church one of these nights, please let us know.

In our next Newsletter we will speak about a Christmas Drama at Psalms Camp and a Fall Women's Retreat coming up

Until then,

Joel



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JOY'S JOURNALING

certain amount of the ex-

Are you allergic? Recently we have discovered that our kids are full of allergies. Oh boy! I can definitely relate to them, as I have grown up with continuous allergy problems, hay fever, etc. It's no fun to not be able to breathe, or sing sometimes due to the pollen content in the air.

And so we begin our journey of allergy shots. Mercy, Brooklyn, Jamie and Noel stood there like troopers as the nurse gave each of them their first shots (one in each arm). I sat there so proud of them as not one tear fell from their eyes, in fact, they all said after the shot, "Is that it?"

Time took me back to a day when I was young and I had to go through that regimen of scheduled shots to help me combat my allergy symptoms.

I asked our allergist to explain how these shots actually work. She began to describe the process of how she would take a vial of saline solution, and put a tracts of the things that the girls were allergic to into that vial. It would be mixed up, and then that vial (#6which was the most potent) would be poured into vial #5 (which had a small amount of saline solution in it) - that in turn would be poured into vial #4, #4 would be poured into #3, #3 would be poured into #2 and finally #2 would be poured into vial #1 which is the least potent of those extracts. #1 would be the most diluted.

We would then begin to inject those extracts into the girls' arms beginning with vial #1 three times a week, increasing the dosage as time went on. She said the body would build up immunities to those airborne pollens. molds, etc. so the girls would be able to live around those things that they cannot get away from, without any problems. Eventually, they wouldn't have to take the shots anymore because their bodies would be immune to the very things that were harming them at this present time.

As I thought about all this, the Lord revealed something to me about this very

thing.

We live in a very sinful world. Sin is all around us. Sometimes we partake of sin in small amounts, and if we continue in that sin, it eventually will end up with us partaking in that sin in larger amounts. If we continue in the sin then we become "immune," so to speak, to that particular sin. As time goes on, we get to the point where that sin doesn't affect us anymore.

Just like the allergy shots, we start out with "just one drink" or "just one pill" or "just one time" or "just one kiss or encounter" ... "just one sin" As we increase our "dosage" we become immune to sin. Sin (like the allergies) doesn't seem to affect us, doesn't seem to bother us, doesn't seem to disrupt our lifestyle, because we are now so used to it being "in our bodies" that we can now live "happily ever after" with our sin.

People, this world is a sinsick, fallen world. We are not supposed to be "comfortable" in it, after all, this world is not our home. Our Home is Heaven above, if we are saved. There,

there will be no sin.

Psalm 27:6

"And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I

will sing praises unto the LORD.

So what do we do? Sin-like allergies-is all around us. We cannot get away from some things "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) BUT we can choose what we are around. I, for one, choose to stay away from those things that will harm my spiritual life; those sins that "so easily beset us." I don't want to build up my "immune system" to sin. I don't want to get to the point where sin doesn't bother me, nor affect the way I live.

Now, the girls will endure their allergy shots so they can live and breathe comfortably without getting sick anymore with pneumonia, bronchitis, strep throat, etc. We will continue **those** shots to build up their immunities to those things which are harmful to them

BUT we don't EVER want to be immune to sin.

As for me and my house... We will remain **ALLERGIC** ... to sin!

Blessings!



Dr. Ricky Lisemby in Israel

Greetings in Jesus' Name

It is so good to be back with you again by way of this Newsletter. We experienced a very long, hard winter, and Spring was so welcomed. Can't wait until Summer also.

God has blessed us with lots of concerts and Revivals even in the worst of winter. One I'll never forget was in February at First Baptist Church in Hazen, Arkansas. It was a fantastic week-long event but each day, each night there was freezing rain, ice, extreme cold weather and snow the last night, all the way home. The church family however, were faithful to attend the services in great numbers. Everyone was so intent on seeking revival and God answered their prayers. The whole church was touched, blessed, and revived, as the Holy Spirit fell every night.

In part of March and April we were on the road six weeks straight, singing and preaching, being home only long enough to get ready to go

RICKY'S WRITINGS

again. We saw churches revived and souls saved, and we were also a part of an oldfashioned Tent Crusade for seven days. God's Spirit saved souls and all Christians who attended were so excited, thrilled, changed by the singing and preaching. On four days there, bad storms came through El Dorado and surrounding areas of the tent, but not once did they come near the tent. Thank God for His protection, and for sending revival! Five churches sponsored the Crusade, and they are thinking of doing it again next year.

We are now busy getting read for three summer camps, to being in four weeks. During Spring Break, Cook Baptist church of Ruston, Louisiana spent a week at Psalms Camp, helping us get ready for summer camp time. The men completed three projects and the youth helped clean the whole campground. One group of men are coming back to finish one project on Memorial Day weekend.

There is nothing like Summer Camp. Lots of youth come and while here they experience God. They enjoy great Bible teaching/preaching, singing, classes every day for all age groups. Each afternoon there are lots of activities to get involved in and recreational events to enjoy. It is a very exciting week and every person goes home changed spiritually! God works in Church Camps in a greater way than in some churches. Also they return home, quite a few pounds heavier, because of all the fantastic meals served, with all you can eat. Psalms Camp is known for the food cooked. Can't wait until June 9th

As this year goes by so fast, we are seeing God's prophetic Word being fulfilled. The world is moving more and more toward a one-world government, one world religion, and the number "666" which will be led by the Antichrist and false prophet. The Islamic religion is growing stronger all the time, so Muslims persecute and martyr Christians, seeking to take over the world. Also deception is running rampant as false christs, prophets, false teachers, false cults appear everywhere (Matthew 24:5, 11, 24; I Timothy 4:1). Also damnable heresies, doctrines, teachings, set from

Hell, are being taught, even in many churches. So many people who claim to be born-again do not want to hear sound doctrine anymore (II Timothy 4:3-4). They had rather hear lies, myths, and fables than the Truth of Holy Scriptures. America is falling farther away from God every day as Jesus is being pushed out of society more and more. It may be that soon Christians here in this country could be persecuted as they are world-wide. We are in the last days and the rapture of Jesus' Bride, the Church, may happen at any moment. Get ready, and look up:

Jesus is coming soon!!



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...Remembering...

Today I strolled down Memories Lane thinking ... "How had this all begun?" I stopped for a moment to look at the artwork scattered along the Nature Trail. I felt a pang come over me; slowly but surely my treasures were slipping away under the harshness of nature. My thoughts went back to the days when I spent most of my time in my art roomlaboring over my canvas. On occasions some of the family had dared peek through a crack in the door to see what I was doing that would keep me upstairs so much of the time. But these appearances where few; they

SUE'S SENTIMENTS

knew this thing was something personal ... for me only. You see, I had been taught in art classes that a novice should never be allowed to look on as I struggled before my easel. They would surely make suggestions and this would be the last thing I needed.

This one thing I had learned the hard way. Once when working on what I hoped would be my "Crowning Glory" in the Art World, one of my family came in and took a look at what was to be my masterpiece and suggested that what I was painting looked nothing like the real thing. You may have heard the old saying "Her feathers just fell" - well, that is exactly what happened. From that day, nothing worked-that painting has been sitting lonely and dejected for years nowprobably to never be finished.

Again remembering...

Life-size cypress wood slabs took the place of my canvases. A deep desire to capture what might have been the likeness of **Biblical Characters took** over my every thought and after two years of painting, one hundred and one of these lined the Nature Trail at our church camp here in Arkansas. These as previously mentioned suffer from the hands of nature. I am still hoping that I can find the slabs that I can use to replace these Biblical replicas that would bring blessings to guests who will come to Psalms Camp and walk the Nature Trail.

That same desire that spurred me on in times past still pushes at me and at times my tears push to be released because of my inability to find the life-size cypress wood slabs on which I can get back to my chore!

I'm remembering ... I'm thinking ... time is slipping away and *They're not* saved...(Jer. 8:20)

Until Next Time,

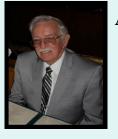
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Having been "on the road" in revivals and concerts along with camp work, we have seen a very busy year so far. It seems as if things will continue as such in 2014. We are glad that the Lord is using the Lisembys for His Glory.

The days began with rain, snow, ice and a lot of wind. Winter was certainly made manifest during our revival at First Baptist church in Hazen, Arkansas.

Beginning on Sunday, the Revival continued through the following Friday night. The days and nights brought freezing rain, sleet, and snow. We faced temperatures down in the teens and low twenties with little hope of there being anyone to preach and sing to; who would leave the comfort of a warm house to come out in all of this?

Nevertheless, the church house was filled with people every night as they

A WORD FROM DON

came to hear the Gospel in word and song. Thanks to the Lord, He allowed us to enjoy a glorious revival.

On the last night as we loaded our equipment into the bus, the snow was falling hard! The roads were still open, but we were forced to travel at a snail's pace, at times only ten miles per hour. We finally made it home the next morning. Crawling into bed, we got a little sleep. Ah, but we awoke to frozen water pipes throughout Psalms Camp. You see, the weather wasn't supposed to have been so bad and our efforts to drain all those pipes just wasn't good enough and for the following days our time was spent repairing leaks and replacing pipes. I will not soon forget this Arkansas winter.

But soon we had to go again; not without more problems though. With the bus, bearings went out and air bags broke. (Have you ever traveled in a big 45 foot touring bus without "air bags"?) Some of us simply took along our personal vehicles. A person never knows what to expect, but with a bus things are possible. But with the Lord *"all things are possible!"* He is always there to see us to our destination and once there, He sends a godly person or persons who seem more than eager to help—repairing whatever needs to be fixed on the bus, or food for hungry Lisembys.

Just recently, we were in El Dorado, Arkansas for a revival. This was the time when one of our air bags were broke. We waited and we waited for the air bags to come in. (we had them on order) After five days of waiting, they finally arrived on Friday and on Saturday men from the churches began the job of replacing the bags plus replacing a tire that had decided to go flat. The helpers worked tirelessly-"holding up our hands" in order that we could continue on to Bastrop, Louisiana that night for the Sunday morning services.

We will always be grateful to these godly men who

helped us. I was reminded of Moses. When the Amalakites came against the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land, Moses held up holy hands during the battle, but when he became weary-too tired to continue holding up his hands-Amelek and his army won. BUT Aaron and Hur came to hold up Moses' hands and Israel won the battle. A great lesson here! Those who go out to battle must have helpers and in this case we send out our special thanks to the men and women who hold up the hands of The Lisembys in our times of war with the devil

We are still winning though the battles sometimes get rough!

Yes, we are bombarded with all kinds of problems however, with you holding up our hands, we are winning! And **Amen!!**

In Christian Love,

I remain

Don

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What a year it's been already! These past few months have flown by. Last month was the busiest of all. We were on the road every week from the end of March to the first week in May. With only being home for about nine days in over a month, you can imagine that it was

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very hectic, but God gave us strength and rest through it all. The outcome of all the revivals was beautiful! Many souls got their names written in the Book of Life. God is so good!

So now that we've been home for a few days, we're getting together all the details to our Youth Camp this summer. The subject of a girls' class came up in our discussion about what classes we should have during the day. The Lord had been putting that on my heart for a while. I just didn't have the confidence to do a girl's class. But I thought about it and decided I'd do it. Girls nowadays suffer from so many things by Satan. They struggle with being accepted by society, their weight, and most of all, their true beauty. So, this class that my sister, Melody, and I will be doing, will encourage the girls to live in the beauty of Christ.



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So many things are taking place this year! We've been so busy the past few months with revivals, concerts, and camp retreats and though it has been a lot of hard work, it's been wonderful. It's always refreshing to see the Lord work in and through people's lives. He sure has been doing some great things in my life this year. In February, I was able to start my college courses at Anchor theological Seminary and Bible Institute in Texarkana, Arkansas, I'm enioving my studies very much and am already looking forward to graduating with my Associate degree in Biblical Studies in time. God's Word is so rich. I've learned so much already and I'm thankful that He opened this door for me to get my college education.

MELODY'S MEDITATIONS

More News: I'm verv excited to announce that our recording studio is opening again and with a new "project" ... MY CD!!! The past couple of months God has allowed me to write several new songs and has given me a start to several more. I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to share my heart with you through my personal collection of songs. Please keep us in your prayers because we know that the devil has and will continue to fight against anything that is for the Lord. Pray that God would be glorified through it all.

We are also very excited about Psalms Camp this year. We always have a wonderful time and I'm always encouraged, convicted, inspired and truly blessed by the messages through word and song each year. We've been working on a few projects at the camp and have many ideas for more to try and expand the campgrounds.

Our Lord has provided in more ways than one. We serve a great God. A few changes have been made for summer camp.

One addition of which is a girl's class that Mercy and I will be teaching this year about how we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and our "roles" as Godly young women. Our society today has many "ropes" that can pull us into destruction if we're not careful. Our culture today slaps a cheap price tag on us, determining our sense of worth, beauty and value by basing it on our body-the outward appearance-skin and weight. Young women especially have to fact this every single day. In today's world, teen girls don't know who they are or how priceless they are in the eyes of Christ. Sadly they believe the lies of society. This class is focused on answering these questions that many girls

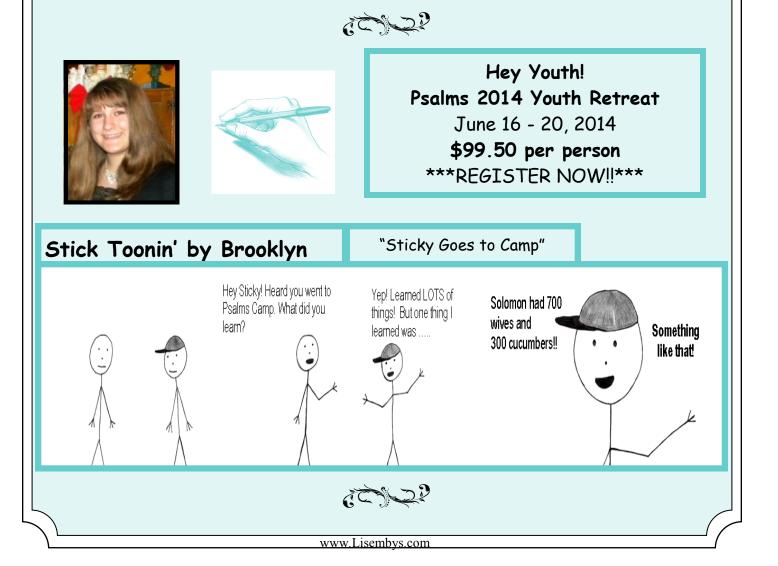
struggle with, showing them who they are, and more importantly, who Jesus is.

Each day our "girls group" will fight these "lies that young women believe" by opening the Book of Truth. Mercy and I are both so excited to have this opportunity to minister to these teen girls.



"Keep A Quiet Heart" By: Elisabeth Elliot

I encourage you to grab a cup of hot tea, sit down by the window and enjoy this book. You will be challenged and inspired as you grow closer to the Lord. Find a quiet place for you and God.



****TEARS AND FEARS****

Joy told me the Newsletter is ready except we needed to fill one page. My first thought was let's ask everyone to shorten their article or post pictures. Then off I went to camp to mow. I can think best working at camp. I can ride the big mower and cry with no one to hear me or see me. Yes, I wept today. I don't know why sometimes.

I decided today to fill the last page about Psalms Camp. The Lisemby Family rented other camp facilities for a few years when we began to host music and Bible camps. Then we decided to build Psalms Camp on the very property that was owned and farmed by Ms. Sue's Dad, H.B. Grice and family. Mother inherited some of the twentyseven acres, and then the Lisemby Family Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. bought the rest from Uncle C.B. Grice, Uncle Clifton Grice, and Aunt Lurlene Wolfe. Many friends and supporters helped to build and maintain the campgrounds for several years.

Things were doing pretty well until Dad's health began to fail. Our travels slowed down. Some of the group began to move into other ministries. I drove trucks and took a job at a local church, and was Arkansas State Chaplain for the Human Development Center of Warren, Arkansas for a few years. Psalms Camp suffered deterioration and decay. Lisemby Family

Ministries weakened along with Dad's health. Our travels with Concerts and Revivals help fuel the cost of the camp. The camp helped take care of the endless needs of our travels. Both suffered.

In 2005 Dad, Mother, Ricky and I had a meeting—heart to heart—we decided that the Lisemby Family, though we were weak, hurting, and struggling, had dropped the ball. We acknowledged that God had done a work, and we had let go in discouragement. With tears and fears we prayed and told God we would repent and take up the load and go until...

There was much work to do. The camp was a mess-no air conditioning, porches were rotting, etc. We had dropped insurance and unplugged the meters on the buildings. Mother said, "I'll call the insurance lady and re-instate the policy, and call the electric company and turn power on to the buildings." Ricky said, "I'll clean the campground and make it presentable again." I said, "I'll cut up fallen trees, burn and start mowing and weed eating." Dad said he would do what he could do. Tears and fears came as we prayed for forgiveness and asked for help.

Now we had not traveled hardly at all for a long time and hadn't had camp for two years. As I returned home from our family meeting I began to put together the menus and game plan

for camp when the phone rang. Bro. Billy Smith from Murmil Baptist Church in El Dorado, Arkansas called me and said his church would like to come to camp at Psalms Camp and asked for a date for camp. I almost fell out in astonishment. He had forty-two people that was to come. We hadn't even advertised yet! Our God is BIG, isn't He! I pulled the air conditioner out of my house, put it at the cafeteria and we said "Let's go do this thing!" The next year we added air conditioning to the Chapel and the next year added bathrooms in the Chapel, etc, etc etc

In 2007 when Dad died, our lawnmower had broken down and I couldn't mow the camp for the funeral. Well Bro. Mike and Dawn Holloway from Cook Baptist Church in Ruston, Louisiana came and mowed, cleaned. and wept with us during this said time in our life. Every vear since then, the youth of Cook Baptist have come to help clean the grounds. And Murmil Baptist has returned for camp year after year. Amen!

Bro. Mike and Cook Baptist Church, and Bro. Billy Smith and Murmil Baptist Church have been a steady help as we got back on our feet. There are others that have helped and encouraged us, but today I wanted to single out these two men and their churches. We are traveling more now than ever before and the camp is growing and becoming beautiful again. People have come from everywhere and are seeing needs.

I drove around today, thankful for the X-Mark mower given to us; all the plumbing help, carpentry help, dozer help, ditch witch help, power box and electrical help; meter loops; painting; back-hoe help; sweat; bridge help; fish in pond help, kitchen help, electric cable, lighting, flagpole help, game room help, etc. So thankful.

I wept today and I don't know why-maybe memories good and bad, maybe because of missing Dad. We were a team; we were tight. Maybe because of the waste of time in my life...chasing money, fortune, fame and recognition-how silly! The thing that means the most to me is being ever present with my family-traveling, singing, preaching the Gospel, and to continue providing a beautiful campground for groups to come learn of our Lord.

Psalms Camp has two reputations: 1) Best food in the world! And 2) People say they feel the Presence of the Lord here. I say "Amen!"

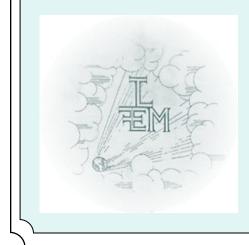
Would you take a moment right now and whisper a prayer that the Lisemby Family will stay in the Will of the Lord, and as the old song says...."Work 'til Jesus comes!"

I prefer the times in my life when it is easy to march from victory unto victory. But I remember best those precious times when I crawl toward God in "Tears and Fears."

- Joel K. Lisemby -



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PSALMS CAMP NEEDS:



- DONNIE'S LODGE: Built in memory of Donnie Verret. Killed by a drunk driver coming home from a Youth Camp. Last year an upstairs bathroom was added along with entrance to the upstairs.
- Donnie's Lodge needs two (2) large window A/C units Heat & Cool if possible.
- 2. New mattresses



GAME ROOM: Next year Psalms
Camp will have completed a Game

Room that will need at least one (1) large A/C unit, new flooring—carpet, some new furniture and tables for games, foosball, etc.

SINGLE CABINS: Psalms Camp needs a building built to lodge Pastors, Teachers or Special Guests. Sort of a motel unit. Looking at duplex type or individual small cabin units big enough for bed, sitting area and bathroom. A great Church project perhaps or build something in honor or memory of a loved one.



- CHAPEL—Built in memory of Uncle Ray Lisemby.
- 1. Carpet has faded over the years, and needs to be replaced.
- 2. 5 ton AC/Heat unit.



CAFETERIA—Built in memory of C.P. & Rachel Verret (grandparents of Donnie Verret) In desperate need of new flooring; commercial grade tile or wood.



SELAH—Built in memory of Ross Lisemby, Dwight Lisemby, and Andy Scott and in Honor of Ophie Lisemby by Maxine Lisemby Haynie in 1988.

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