



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

With the Fourth of July approaching, I thought of Arnold Friberg's painting of George Washington at Valley Forge kneeling in prayer beside his horse, seeking Divine Guidance in the darkest hour of the conflict for the independence of our nation. What a blessing that we, too, can "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we obtain mercy, and grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16.

Thinking about prayer, this powerful lifeline to God, my mind wandered back to 1973. I met each week for breakfast with a group of men from various churches in our community for a time of Bible study and prayer. I was the youngest and the only one from my church. The other men were mature and very-well educated. I expressed that although I believed in prayer, I felt uncomfortable praying in public. These guys were great mentors. They were determined to "fix" my reluctance to pray aloud. They refused to eat until I prayed. From then on, they made me the "official" one to ask the blessing prior to our meal. I am eternally grateful for these men who brought me out of my comfort zone.

The photo below was taken by Dee Thompson. We were delighted to see Dee and her friend, Jerry, at our June meeting.



Ten New Life Riders were missing at the meeting. Six are experiencing serious illnesses, two were attending a granddaughter's graduation and two were taking care of grandchildren while their daughter recovered from a medical procedure.

Please keep our group in prayer for healing and strength. We have a long riding season ahead of us and it is the desire of the New Life Riders to be out on our bikes sharing the love of Jesus with all whom we meet.

If you were out on Sunday morning, June third your ears may still be ringing after hearing thousands, yes I said thousands, of motorcycles roll through Indianapolis. This was the 25th Anniversary

of the Miracle Ride, the largest single fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children. It is also one of the largest motorcycle charity events in the United States.

On the next page pictured on the left are Bob Johnson and his grandson, Aaron, my wife, Kathy, and me. We arrived early; the crowds increased as we waited to ride. On the right is thirteen year-old Aaron, who was a Riley baby himself. He did great on the 120 mile tour associated with the Miracle Ride on Saturday, June second. The photo shows him eagerly waiting to mount up, ride past Riley Hospital, wave to the children, and take that exciting ride around the track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



Also in June... The temperature was in the nineties as a smaller than usual crowd gathered at the Plainfield Eagles for the annual Car and Bike Show benefitting Wish for our Heroes. Kathy and I enter a few bike shows a year to give us additional opportunities to talk with people and give them scripture portions. To our surprise, Gideon 2, received a trophy for second place bike. We had a good time visiting with the group while taking refuge from the heat under the awning outside the building. Our thanks to Bryan Titus, Eagle Riders President, who does a great job coordinating so many charity events.

The Ava Strong Memorial Ride was another great event. It was hosted by the Brothers Grim benefitting Katie Jo Davis, a brave eight year old girl battling stage three Lymphoblastic Lymphoma. Katie has been through so much with her cancer, but actually participates in sports when she can. The opening of the event at Indy West was meaningful with the families of Ava and Katie expressing their appreciation to the bikers.

We enjoyed the ride. However, at the first stop we could see a nasty storm was brewing. Having ridden through lots of storms and a couple of hurricanes, we decided to run ahead of this one. We told Cowboy, the group leader, that we decided to head home. We were so thankful that we were safely home and closing the garage door, as the hail came pelting down!

We update the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently. Please check it often for motorcycling events that you can attend and share the love of Jesus. Don't underestimate your ability to make a difference in someone's life and don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

One upcoming event you will not want to miss is the Hogs for Hounds Ride on July 7 starting at the Plainfield Eagles, 5556 East US 40, Plainfield IN. The Ride and Pet Adoption event is hosted by Hendricks County ABATE of Indiana and benefitting the Four Legged Ranch and Hendricks County Animal Shelter. There will be face painting and a lot of other children's activities on site as well. Hendricks County Rep. Sheila Casey and her volunteers have a wonderful day planned.

The New Life Riders ride with the two-fold purpose of enjoying the wind in our faces and more importantly, serving God and the Community. You don't have to join our group to be part of our ministry. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us.

Everyone is invited to attend our next meeting on Friday, July 6 at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. Kathy, will be giving the devotional message, entitled, "Coloring your World with Love." Hope to see you there.

Until next time...

*God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*

***Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all."
Mark 16:15 (The Message)***