



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are in the month of August. People talk about the lazy, hazy days of summer but that is certainly not true for bikers! The calendar is full of rides and activities where we can ride, fellowship and witness. A few of the upcoming events include the Ride for Health and Heroes, benefiting the Hendricks Regional Health Foundation and the K-9 Unit, the Joe Matthews III Memorial Car Show and the Steve Bannon Memorial Bike Ride benefiting Sheltering Wings. Another great event is motorcycles on Meridian in connection with the Moto GP Race. At this free event, an unimaginable number of bikes can be seen around Monument Circle and on South Meridian Street in downtown Indianapolis. Kathy and I like to park our Valkyrie, Gideon 2, on Monument Circle, talk to people and, give them Gospels of John with checkered flag covers and a cross pin attached. Indianapolis has so many beautiful monuments surpassed only by the monuments in our nation's capital.

All through history, people have erected monuments. In the Bible, Joshua piled twelve stones on top of each other to commemorate crossing the Jordan River safely and to let all the people know that God is powerful. (Joshua 4) and Samuel placed memorial rock of remembrance on the battlefield to commemorate victory. He called it Ebenezer meaning, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." (1 Sam. 7:12)

On our trips east, Kathy and I like to stop at the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum in Pickerington, Ohio, a great monument to motorcycling. We enjoy viewing the motorcycles that make up such a rich heritage and seeing the pictures of persons who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

This list includes "heroes" representing every category of motorcycling. As I pondered this beautiful way to honor outstanding achievement, my thoughts turned to that wonderful "Hall of Fame" listed in the Bible in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Sometimes referred to as the "Roll Call of the Saints" or the "Cloud of Witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), the noble men and women of the Old Testament are portrayed for their spiritual achievements and unshakable faith. The definition of faith is given in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." More than a wistful wish, faith is full of certainty, reality and mountain moving power.

We read that by faith the members of this "Hall of Fame" received a good report. These spiritual giants, some famous and some rather obscure, had the courage to leave their comfort zones to answer God's call. 1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (New International Version)

In a time when the world seems to be torn apart with division, inequality, injustice, hatred and so much violence, as Christians we bear responsibility to give witness to "a more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:31).

The goal of the New Life Riders is to quietly minister with unconditional love and integrity, to the spiritual needs of those in the motorcycling community - no matter who or where they are or what kind of bike they ride. We do this by developing one-on-one relationships - just like Jesus has done with us.

We believe His desire for us is to share and to show the love of Christ in such a way, that it will cause other motorcyclists to want for themselves, what they see Him doing in and through us.

The New Life Riders want to help create an awareness within the Christian community of the many needs and opportunities there are to minister to those that ride motorcycles.

Because of our mode of transportation, we are more open and accessible to the people we meet in our travels, at gas stations, rest stops, parking lots, etc.

As we all know, these are very difficult times that we live in, and there are many hurting people out there. Our desire is to have an easy to read, copy of God's Word in the hand of every person we minister to - nothing ministers to the heart, like the truth of God's Word.

Kathy and I use the Gospels of John to show people the depth of God's love and how He is faithful to us even when we fail Him. We show whomever God's Spirit leads us to that when they trust in Jesus for eternal life that they can be assured that He is theirs forever to depend upon for all their needs. Being an introducer requires a combination of patience and expectancy. What a tremendous blessing to experience being on hand when God brings someone to Himself!

If you have not invited Jesus into your heart and life, I would urge you to do it today. Let Him take control of your life. When we turn our lives over to Jesus and let Him be the rider and we the passenger, it is a blessing to know that He is in charge. He knows what lies around the next corner. He knows how fast we can take the curves and He knows how to maintain us and keep us going. When we want to shout directions from the pillion seat, God will not force us to go down the roads that He knows are best. However, what a blessing when we allow Him to take us where He wills.

The New Life Riders look forward to seeing you at our next dinner meeting on Friday, August 7th at 6:30 P.M. at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road, located at the corner of High School Road and US 36, Indianapolis. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome.

Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him. We update the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com often. Please keep checking it for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Remember, if because of time or distance, you are unable to attend the listed activities, and you know of one closer to your home, go and share the love of Jesus. Be a blessing!

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road!

*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)***