

New Life Riders

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Dear Friends,

By the time this reaches you we will be approximately one week away from the New Life Riders monthly meeting. Kathy and I really enjoy these meetings and the fellowship we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Along with attending meetings, it is the mission of the New Life Riders to be where motorcyclists gather.

On July 11th Kathy and I attended the "Bike Night" on the parking lot of the Route 67 Bar and Grill, Located at 600 State Road 67, Mooresville, IN. This event starts at 6 PM ends at 9 PM every Thursday, July thru September. There were well over one hundred bikes on the lot. We were pleased to meet up with several friends we had not seen in quite a while. It was great "catching up" with them and chatting with new people, too! We had the opportunity to hand out several copies of the Gospel of John with patriotic covers and cross and flag pins attached, plus several Angel Pins attached to a bookmark with 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 printed on it. These items are always well received because bikers love the pins for their vests. Why not ride by on a Thursday evening and enjoy a casual social gathering among friends and fellow motorcyclists!

Also, on July 13th we had a nice "HOT" ride out to "The Wall That Heals" exhibit in Greenfield, Indiana featuring a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. This replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C. It is designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Since its dedication, "The Wall That Heals" has been displayed at nearly 600 communities throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions. Bringing The Wall home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The volunteers were so kind and helpful. They assisted us in taking rubbings of the names of a school friend and Kathy's cousin from the granite wall. It was touching to see people placing photos and memorabilia at the base of the panels where their loved ones were memorialized. One gentleman placed a leather motorcycle vest that had belonged to his family member. The volunteers and veterans were thankful for the cross and flag pins attached to the Gospels with patriotic covers that we gave them. Visiting the replica of the wall was a very moving experience.

When I ponder the mission of the New Life Riders, I visualize the Circuit Riders in our nation's early history. They rode many miles in unfamiliar territory, in all kinds of weather,

snowstorms, extreme heat, similar to the weather we are having as I write this newsletter, and they slept in fields and forests. They knew that at least half of them would die before they reached their thirtieth birthdays. Yet they pressed on traveling the byways and places where there were no known roads to take the Gospel to the remote settlements on the frontier.

We too, must press on as the Apostle Paul wrote, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14) We have the advantage of highways and twisty back roads to ride on, but the message is the same. We are called to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

When those Circuit Riders met for their annual gathering, they always began by singing the hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" written by Charles Wesley in 1749.

"And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give, for His almighty grace." How they longed to get together for testimony and fellowship! How we long to do the same!

"Preserved by Power Divine, to full salvation here, again in Jesus' praise we join, and in His sight appear." This line reminds me of all that our New Life Riders family have been through in the past year, illnesses, surgeries, loss of loved ones, yet, we too, are preserved by Power Divine!

In verses three and four they sang, "What troubles we have seen, what mighty conflicts past, fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last."

"Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain, and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain." May we continue to take up the cross until Jesus calls us home to be with Him!

In the meantime, come and enjoy great friends and share your experiences, not to mention the friendship that you can only find in the presence of like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us at the next New Life Riders meeting on Friday, August 2nd at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

Come out and support our new vice-president, Larry Lambert. His wife Suzie will be giving the devotional message. We know you will be blessed as she shares about "Harvest."

Straddle that saddle and join us. Do not come alone, bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

Until next time...

God bless Riding with Jesus, Bob Dillon

So Many Roads, So Little Time!

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)