

New Life Riders

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Dear Friends,

As I sit and write this month's Newsletter I find it hard to believe that it is autumn. The evidence is all around us in the form of shorter days and the appearance of the colorful leaves revealing God's artistry. The crisp frosty mornings are a refreshing change from summer's oppressively hot afternoons and sweltering evenings. It is beautiful riding weather.

Thinking about the shorter days reminds me of an article I read several years ago concerning "seasonal affective disorder," also known as the winter blues. It seems a whole industry has sprung up making products to treat light deficiency, such as the "Dawn Simulator" a lamp timed to brighten slowly, light visors, and a portable light box. All of these products seem a bit foolish when one considers that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. Jesus could not have made a more astonishing claim. The word light was directly synonymous with God Himself. The Psalmist had stated, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Psalm 27:1; Isaiah had prophesied," The Lord will be to you an everlasting light. "Isaiah 60:19; and Micah had said with confidence, "When I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me." Micah 7:8.

In claiming to be the light of the world, Jesus clearly declared Himself as the Messiah. Jesus makes the same awesome claim to us. "I am the light of the world." He bids us to walk in His Light and to let our light so shine that others may see our good works so that the Father will be glorified. Praise God, we don't need a "Dawn Simulator" or any other device. We have the Bright and Morning Star!

Though it is later in the riding season, there are still quite a few events coming up, such as "CHILIFEST" sponsored by ABATE and the Motorcycle Show & Salsa Cook-off held at Dreyer Honda South. Check out the Events Page on our web site <u>www.newliferiders.com</u> for more activities.

Rides, rallies and motorcycle shows are great opportunities to minister directly to the motorcycling community. If you are open to God's leading, He will give you opportunities to share your faith. The more events you attend, the more often you'll be seen; the more often you are seen, the more familiar people will become with you; and over time, the more relationships you will build.

How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14

I am sure that I have mentioned this in one of my previous letters, that in the late eighteen hundreds, twelve year-old Helen Cadbury, daughter of the President of Cadbury Chocolates, asked Jesus into her heart. She took Second Timothy 2:15 as her life verse and even formed a Bible Club with her friends. She married Gospel singer, Charles Alexander, and in 1908 they along with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman organized the Pocket Testament League in Philadelphia. They traveled the globe with the Gospel



message and everywhere they went, they pointed people to Second Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."(KJV)

It was good advice when the Apostle Paul penned the words, it was good advice when Helen Cadbury Alexander shared it in her travels and it is good advice for us today.

Kathy and I carry and share the Word of God with Gospels of John that we purchase from the Pocket Testament League. These little booklets are small enough to fit into your pocket. It is amazing how many people are happy to receive them. The Gospel of John is so simple, little children and "Babes in Christ" of any age can understand it. Yet it is so profound that Biblical scholars can study it for decades and not completely plumb its depths. One of the first verses new Christians are encouraged to memorize is John 3:16 reciting their own names in place of the world and whosoever "For God so loved (Mary, Tom, Betty, etc) that he gave His only begotten Son, that (Mary, Tom, Betty, etc) who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."(KJV)

What a tremendous blessing to experience being on hand when God brings someone to Himself! Just think of the celebration going on in the heavenly realms because of your efforts.

We update the website <u>www.newliferiders.com</u> 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! Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

The New Life Riders ride with the purpose of serving God and the Community. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization to be part of our group. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome.

Take a night off from dinner responsibilities and join us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, October 2 at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road, located just off Route 465 at the corner of High School Road and U.S. 36, Indianapolis.

In closing, if you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, I invite you to ask Him into your heart and life today. It has often been said, "Christianity is not a religion, it is a relationship." Spending time alone with the Lord and studying His Word are essential for a close relationship with Him.

Until next time, love Jesus and keep on doing the "good stuff." 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)