



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

As I write, we are experiencing unseasonably warm weather which has really been wonderful for riding. It has been such a blessing!

My wife, Kathy, and I thoroughly enjoyed all the exhibits this week at the Motorcycle Expo at the Indiana Fairgrounds. It is always nice to have the opportunity to see such magnificent machinery and all sorts of new products under one roof. The booths were great, but best of all was seeing so many dear friends; the hugs are always special!

Last month I mentioned that although many of us are called to various occupations and ministries, we are all called to love. Thinking along those lines, I would like to share a hymn that Kathy recently pointed out to me that is especially meaningful. It was written by David Haas, composer, author and recording artist.

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign and we will walk with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,

We are called to serve one another, and to walk humbly with God.

This hymn is based on the words of the Old Testament prophet, Micah, who wrote, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 (NIV)

This month as the riding season begins in earnest, the various clubs and biking organizations begin posting their charity rides and activities that provide opportunities for us as bikers to act on Micah's message written so long ago.

Be watching for those rides that benefit the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the marginalized in our society. Bikers are some of the most generous people and always eager to

ride for a good cause. The prophet Micah talked about showing mercy or as the Hebrew word “khehsed” is sometimes translated as loving kindness. It is in those instances that we ride to assist those with serious illnesses, benefit medical research, provide funds for children’s hospitals and promote awareness for pet adoptions.

*We are called to walk, or in our case, **ride**, humbly with our God, to journey with Jesus. What a great place to be!*

Before leaving the Motorcycle Expo on Saturday, Kathy and I took a second look at all the antique and customized motorcycles that people had entered in that area of the show. My mind kept going back to my 1934 BSA and how it looked better than new once it was restored. Jesus can do that with us also. Just ask Him into your heart, He will cleanse it and do a restoration job infinitely better than you have ever seen done on a motorcycle. If you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, I invite you to ask Him into your heart and life today.

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 or belong to any particular organization to be part of our ministry.

I want you and your family to know that all are welcome as we gather. Think about joining us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, March 3rd, which happens to be World Day of Prayer. We will meet at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

Hope to see you on the third and 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)