



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but with this mild weather I have been itching to get on Gideon and take Kathy riding on some back roads, and enjoy the budding trees, inhale the fragrant air and possibly going through a covered bridge or two along the way. I know Kathy would like to end up in Rockville, Indiana at her favorite Five & Dime Store to purchase some greeting cards and gifts.

Indiana, known as the Covered Bridge Capital of the world, has an abundance of covered bridges, each one unique with an interesting history. When we relocated to the Midwest, Kathy and I were introduced to the bridges in Parke and Putnam Counties on a fantastic tour with the Suzuki Cavalcade Riders.

*When we lived in Pennsylvania, there was one particular covered bridge that became very special to the members of my family. We had moved to the Pocono Mountains. We had the option of using the Pennsylvania Turnpike when traveling south **or** we could go through the covered bridge at Little Gap and ride over Blue Mountain to reach our destination. Of course, we chose the scenic route. The bridge was on the way to the Lehigh Valley and beyond. It became a constant reminder of the One who said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no one comes to the Father but by me." John 14:6*

The bridge's location, Little Gap, Pennsylvania, also caused us to reflect upon God's great mercy. Think of the gap, the great chasm between God and mankind. Jesus Christ provided the bridge to God on Calvary's Cross. The hymn writer, W.R. Newell penned these words:

*"Oh the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh the grace that brought it down to man,
Oh the mighty gulf that God did span – AT CALVARY!"*

The bridge at Little Gap is constructed of wood. Our thoughts turn to the "Old rugged Cross" where Jesus died in our place. "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Jesus became our substitute on the cross. His was a death you and I deserved to die; He took our guilt and nailed it to the cross so that we might be forgiven and rise to new life through Him. If you haven't invited Him into your heart and life, I would urge you to do it now.

It is also significant that the bridge is covered to protect the trusses from deterioration from the elements. The practice of covering bridges was said to increase the life of the bridge to well over one hundred years with a minimum of repairs. The Psalmist wrote, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32:1

God's forgiveness is not limited to the life of a bridge; it lasts for all eternity!

When you are out riding and come upon a covered bridge, may it be a reminder of what the Lord has done for us. Kathy and I pray you will be blessed as you contemplate Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary and reflect upon the reality of the Resurrection.

We're looking forward to more outreach opportunities this year.

I was surprised to hear that the 38th Annual Midwest Motorcycle Swap Meet was moved to Hendricks County Fairgrounds, plus they lowered the cost from \$8.00 to \$5.00.

Last year so many events were canceled.

It was devastating for the charitable organizations that hosted the various events.

Please check all the events listed on the New Life Riders Website, www.newliferiders.com I continue to work to ensure all events listed are updated with the most current information. Confirm the status of all events before making plans to attend. Please exercise patience and wisdom so that you stay healthy and safe.

Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus.

Please pray for our country, our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

During the upcoming riding season, remember to shine for Him and reflect His love to all those around you and keep on doing the good stuff.

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

Until next time...My wife, Kathy, and I wish you a blessed Easter.

God bless.

Riding with Jesus,

Bob Dillon

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God bless America.

He grew the tree, that He knew would be, used to make the old, rugged cross!

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)