



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed how slowly the days go by when you are waiting for something special, a birthday, a wedding, the birth of a baby, graduation or Christmas? I can recall when “Are we there yet, Dad?” was the resounding question in my ear when either of my young daughters was riding with me.

I felt that same sense of anticipation following my eye surgery when my ophthalmologist said he didn't want me riding for about seven weeks.

Yes, waiting can be difficult. My favorite passage of scripture is Isaiah 40:31 “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” I must admit I was becoming weary waiting for my doctor's okay to get back on the road. Only those who love to feel the wind in their faces could understand the “bike withdrawal” Kathy and I were going through!

I would walk through the garage each day and look at Gideon 2. I would tell myself that this isn't the end of the world. There are people out there with really serious health problems, grieving the loss of loved ones, facing unemployment and foreclosure; people in grave situations that are in need of comfort and help. I really don't need to be complaining.

Yes, we hadn't ridden in seven weeks the longest time in quite a while but it was just a temporary circumstance. I was reminded of a quote attributed to Blaise Pascal, French mathematician and philosopher who lived in the 1600's. “There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator.” The things of this world cannot fill the vacuum Pascal was talking about, not the best education, the most lucrative job, a large, nicely decorated house or even – the most magnificent motorcycle! As wonderful as all these things are, they do not truly satisfy the heart. Only Jesus can satisfy the longing, loneliness, and emptiness of the heart. St. Augustine said, “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee, O God.”

Dear Friends, if you have not already done so, I would urge you to invite Jesus into your heart and life. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5&6. I can assure you, life will not be dull, there is always great adventure when walking/riding with the Lord.

I must admit, that attending rides and motorcycle events in the car was less than ideal but I wouldn't have missed the fellowship and camaraderie of my biker brothers and sisters for anything. It was a blessing just being there, no matter how Kathy and I arrived. As always, we were warmly welcomed – even on four wheels!

Waiting to get back on Gideon brought some new lessons regarding “waiting upon the Lord.” Some of the newer translations say, “They that hope in the Lord.” which seems more “active.” Isaiah 40:31 continues to call us to a quiet time of prayer and meditation, getting closer to the Lord. However, hoping also signifies “doing”, trusting God with active confidence.

We rode over to the Avon American Legion on May 19 for the Ride for Little Hearts. The organizers of the event decided to cancel due to inclement weather, wanting everyone to be safe. One precious little girl who has congenital heart disease gave “thank you notes” she had made to everyone who made donations to the Congenital Heart Foundation. The bikers who were present expressed interest in the Armor of God patches on our jackets. Each one was pleased to receive an Armor of God pin attached to a card with scripture from Ephesians 6 for their vests.

On May 20, we had another lovely day at Mayberry in the Midwest at the courthouse square in Danville, Indiana. Our friend, Steve Pyatte, delivered the Sunday Bible message based on the Mayberry characters. It was such a blessing. We gave Bible coloring books and crayons to children and scripture portions to adults that we met as we walked around.

It's great to be “On the Road Again” as Willie Nelson used to sing, but the down-time taught me some precious lessons. I am looking forward to all the upcoming rides and charity events. Attending the Miracle Ride with several of you on June 2,3 will be a special blessing.

We update the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently. Please keep checking it for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Be a blessing! Don't underestimate your ability to make a difference in someone's life and 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 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. 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, June 1st at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

In closing I want to point out that Ron Moore will be presenting the second part of his devotional message on the Song of Solomon at the meeting. You won't want to miss it!

Until next time...

*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)***