



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

It's August! This year seems to be going by quickly. However, as bikers, we can look forward to several months of good riding and lots of motorcycling activities ahead!

In many communities the kids are already heading back to school. The stores have been crowded with parents rushing around outfitting the kids and gathering their supplies for the new school year. While watching all this excitement and talking with people at various events, Psalm 46:10 kept coming to mind. "Be still and know that I am God."

The idea of being still was evident the morning of Hogs for Hounds Ride. The weather was beautiful. As always, Sheila Casey and her crew of volunteers did everything to make the event great. It was a privilege to be asked to open the ride in prayer again this year. It really seemed strange for my wife, Kathy, and me not to ride out with our fellow bikers. As I looked around, I noticed several others "being still" who would normally be riding as well. One of the guys recently had foot surgery and a woman had recently fallen and broken both elbows. But they were there to give their support as we were.

Kathy had gone through several tests for pain in her arm, neck and head. We thought it wise to wait for the surgeon's approval to ride. We are grateful that the doctor has prescribed injections instead of surgery. He said he didn't think she would do any further damage by riding, "But it is still going to hurt." Of course, she already knew that. The doctor recommended if we still wanted to ride "to get lighter weight head gear." So the following morning she got me up early saying, "We are going helmet shopping." So as the song goes, "We're Back in the Saddle Again."

I like the Contemporary English Version of Psalm 46:10. "Our God says, Calm down and learn that I am God! All nations on earth will honor me."

*There are so many lessons to be learned while being calm and still, listening to the Lord and waiting for Him to intervene. Psalm 46 begins, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." It is a psalm of trust rejoicing in the deliverance the Lord gives His people in the midst of difficulty. The word refuge is often translated **fortress**. The confidence in knowing that the Lord is God and is in control prompted Martin Luther to write one of the greatest hymns of all time, "A Mighty Fortress is our God."*

*Kathy tells me the word "still" in Hebrew is **raphah**, to relax, stop, thoroughly let go and heal. It isn't a passive word, it is active. Even while we are "being still" the Lord calls us into active service. For those who can't get around very well, you may be called to a ministry of*

prayer and encouragement. For others, it may be actively assisting at rides, rallies and charity events or perhaps a call to the ministry of caring.

A friend from church sent us a card with this lovely poem about service by Helen Steiner Rice:

*When someone does a kindness, it always seems to me
That's the way God up in Heaven would like us all to be.
For when we bring some pleasure to another human heart,
We have followed in His footsteps and we've done a little part
In serving Him who loves us, for I'm very sure it's true
That in serving those around us, we serve and please Him, too.*

We update the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently. Please check it often for suggestions for worthwhile motorcycling events that you can attend and share the love of Jesus. As of this writing, we already have seventeen listed on the New Life Riders Events Page for the month of August. Sixteen are right here in the Indianapolis area. It would be humanly impossible to attend them all, but would really be fun to try!

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 three-fold purpose of sharing the love of Jesus with all whom we meet along the way, feeling the wind in our faces, and raising awareness and funds for innumerable good causes.

Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome. Why not take an evening off from dinner responsibilities and attend our next meeting on Friday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. So straddle that saddle and join us. We hope to see you there.

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)***