



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Last month after returning from our trip to the east coast, Kathy and I went to Monument Circle for "Motorcycles on Meridian." All I can say is WOW! Can you imagine a city where motorcycles are in the majority? That is how we felt walking around downtown. Indianapolis invites the world to celebrate racing. But this event invited the world to celebrate the Red Bull MotoGP World Championship, the most prestigious motorcycle road racing series in the world.

I cannot believe the number of bikes and trikes that were there and it gets bigger every year! After walking around, we sat on the steps in front of the monument and began trading stories with people we had

never met before. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to talk about the Lord without being aggressive. A dear friend recently told me about an event he attended, where a group of people were very loud and obnoxious in the way they presented the Gospel. What they were saying was true, but in a very irritating way. In 1 Peter 3:15, we are told to share our faith with "gentleness and respect."

I really enjoyed watching Kathy as she periodically got up from the steps and stood beside Gideon, with her helmet in hand, talking with people. She spoke with authority about the mechanical attributes of our trike, Gideon. She also gave out quite a few Gospels of John, pins, and a lot of hugs as well. Kathy and I have found "Motorcycles on Meridian" to have a friendly

atmosphere for bikers and non bikers alike. It has become an annual tradition for us.

Can you imagine Labor Day is here! I am having a hard time believing that I am writing the September newsletter. How quickly the summer has come and gone! The cool autumn breezes beckon us to ride the back roads and revel in the colorful beauty of the changing leaves. The opportunities to ride and enjoy the company of fellow bikers abound over the next few months!

Reflecting on Labor Day, the annual holiday celebrating the achievements of workers, I couldn't help thinking about our current economic situation. So many people are unemployed. Some have even sold their bikes and trikes just to survive. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are searching for work. Whether scanning websites or the classified section of the newspaper, they are hoping to find some indication of "Help Wanted."

Many years ago Sir Ernest Shackleton, the famous South Pole explorer, placed an ad in a London newspaper. "Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return is doubtful; honor and recognition in case of success." Five thousand men applied. In 1914, twenty-seven of them set sail with Shackleton for Antarctica.



Shackleton's advertisement brings to mind the words of Jesus in Matthew 16:24, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus was looking for those who would go with him on a hazardous journey; the Way of the Cross. He issued this call after He had told His Disciples that He was headed for Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins. Through the ages, many have answered Jesus' "Help Wanted" advertisement/call.

Motorcyclists answer "Help Wanted" every time they work to help those in need. The charity rides and events that raise funds and awareness for so many causes are a blessing. It is so encouraging to see bikers, who are the most generous people, digging deep into their pockets to help those who are less fortunate. Both those who are employed and those who are unemployed are right there enthusiastically volunteering their time and resources to help in any way they can, doing the good stuff.

The Apostle Paul put it this way in his letter to the Colossians, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." He went on to say, "And whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord." When we follow Paul's advice, it transforms any job that is set before us.

If you have not invited Jesus into your heart and life, I would urge you to do it today. Let Him take control of your life. When we turn our lives over to Jesus and let Him be the rider and we the passenger, it is a blessing to know that He is in charge. He knows what lies around the next corner, He knows how fast we can take the curves, and He knows how to maintain us and keep us going. When we want to shout directions from the pillion seat, God will not force us to go down the roads that He knows are best. However, what a blessing when we allow Him to take us where He wills.

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

Speaking of opportunities, on September 27th come out to the 16th Annual Avon Community Heritage Festival. New Life Riders will have a Booth from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm. Contact me for more information.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the next New Life Riders dinner meeting on Friday September fifth at 6:30 P.M. at the Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road (Located at the corner of High School Road and U.S. 36, Indianapolis).

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

See you down the road!

God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)