



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear friends,

It's hard to believe it is almost September, students are back in their classes and the Labor Day weekend is upon us! The New Life Riders have decided to cancel our September meeting so our members can enjoy the holiday weekend with family and friends.

*My wife, Kathy, and I look forward to seeing all of you at our **new location** on Friday, October 7 at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant. 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.*

I was thinking of the New Life Riders mission to serve God and community and share the love of Jesus wherever we go when the latest copy the newsletter from the Mission Society, based in Norcross, Georgia, arrived. Some time ago, they changed the name of their publication to Unfinished. I thought what a true statement! It certainly applies to our ministry, indeed, to the ministry of the entire church. At our church in Philadelphia, we used to sing a little chorus, "Untold millions are still untold." The task is not complete; there are still many people who have not heard the Good News of Jesus. It is up to us to take the Gospel to them, here, there and everywhere. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) We have been given the Power to witness, yet our task remains Unfinished.

Since our founding in 2001, The New Life Riders have been engaged in affinity evangelism, that is taking the message outside the walls of the church to people with a common interest – motorcycling. Still, our task remains Unfinished.

We have been called to share the message the way Jesus did, on the hilltops, by the lakes, at bike rallies, hill climbs, races, charity runs and, when invited, in houses of worship. We are called to make disciples of and demonstrate compassion to all whom we meet whether it be at a biking event, at the supermarket, at our children's schools or at the doctor's office. Some people look so polished and self-assured; others look vulnerable and miserable, they all need Jesus. We need to be praying that the Lord will open our eyes to these basic needs in the hearts of people and to open our mouths to share the truth of God's love.

The Apostle Paul said, "How, then, can they call on the one in whom they have not believed? How can they believe in the one in whom they have not heard? How can they hear without someone preaching to them? How can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news'" (Romans 10:14,15) The lost are everywhere; most don't even know they are lost. Our task remains Unfinished.

However, opportunities abound! On a clear Friday morning, the 12th Annual Governor's Ride benefiting the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund took place. Prior to the ride, we had time to mingle with the other bikers and share some of the Gospels of John with the patriotic covers and the cross and flag pins attached. We were impressed that Governor Pence, who has led these rides since he took office, set time from his busy schedule to attend this event. As the Governor spoke to the riders before we departed, he joked about his jam-packed schedule and stated that "Motorcycle riding is not optional." He led the riders as far as Rushville, dismounted and waved as the 100 plus other riders continued on the ride.

Hendricks County ABATE of Indiana Hogs for Hounds Ride and Adoption event was enjoyable. The proceeds went to Helping Pawz, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals, providing rescue and adoption and furnishing education on responsible pet ownership.

As always, the Seventh Annual Little Angels Ride in memory of Jerome III and Gracie Bergman was a blessing. The event benefited Hendricks Regional Health Infant Bereavement Program. There were so many amazing people present, each with special ministries to assist and comfort those who have experienced the tragic loss of their babies. We met a lovely young couple who were wearing tags that asked, "Can we pray for you?" We are prepared to pray for others at these activities. However, it was so special to have Sam and Sarah pray for strength and endurance for us. What a blessing! Kathy particularly enjoys giving her angel pins attached to the "Jesus Love You" tract to the participants at this event and the people love getting them. After we heard from some speakers who explained the work they do, Jerry and Mandie Bergman led a great ride to Nashville, Indiana. It was a beautiful day.

It was pouring the morning of the Plainfield Eagle Riders Five Star Ride. Although Kathy and I have ridden in all kinds of inclement weather over the years, on this particular morning we decided discretion was the better part of valor. We drove over to the Eagles to put in our donation and support the event which benefited the Jordan House Memorial Scholarship Fund and NKH (Nonketotic hyperglycinemia) a rare nervous system disorder that affects one in every 60,000. The Eagles always put so much into their efforts to help others. We were hoping the weather would not affect the attendance. We heard from their President, Bryan Titus, later and learned that they had a safe ride and all went well.

By the time you are reading this, Motorcycles on Meridian (August 27) will have come and gone. We hope you were able to attend this gathering drawing over 20,000 motorcycles and over 50,000 spectators cruising Meridian Street and Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis. It is always a wonderful witnessing opportunity.

Please check our website www.newliferiders.com for biking activities where you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Some upcoming events are the Fifteenth Annual Burn Camp Ride, the Ride for Health and Heroes, Chilifest and the Downed Bikers but Not forgotten Ride in memory of Barbara Barrick.

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! Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. Remember our task is Unfinished.

See you at the meeting on October 7. 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)***