



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Last month I started out by saying, “This year seems to be going by quickly.” Well let me tell you, it really is!

I have often ended our monthly “Newsletter” with the challenge; don’t miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world.” In a previous copy of the Upper Room Disciplines, Glory Dharmaraj, talked about one of those “opportunities.” It was the last Sunday in August. She and her husband attended church in front of the Central Station in Oslo, Norway. Some of the congregation stood, some sat on the steps of the train station. Afterward, she expressed appreciation for the volunteers who had conducted the service for wayfarers and travelers. She was told the service was really meant for drug addicts, prostitutes and the poor, people who might not ordinarily attend church.

As I read the account, my mind wandered back a few years. One of the secular biker groups Kathy and I belong to had organized an early Sunday morning ride. We told them we were normally in church at that hour. We asked if they would be interested in a devotional message and or prayer prior to the ride and were delighted when they answered in the affirmative. The group was meeting for breakfast in a bar. We spoke, shared Scripture, prayed and read a portion of the “Wave Offering” from With God on the Open Road by Steve Chapman, a book that special friends from Pennsylvania had given us on one of their visits. The servers and some other patrons began to move in a bit closer. My wife, Kathy, handed out her little happy faced angel pins with the “Jesus Loves You” tract attached to everyone in attendance. At each stop on our ride that day, people told us they thought about what we had said (The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7) each time they waved to an approaching biker. Since then, two couples who rode with us that Sunday morning have shared that they have accepted Jesus as their Savior.

In her article, Glory Dharmaraj said, “The church “happens” when a company of believers seek the face of God. The church happens when the faith community seeks to restore the image of God in its unlikely neighbors. The ordinary becomes sacred and the mundane becomes holy when believers practice dignity and integrity in their neighborly dealings and seek to demonstrate love on the street corners.”

I do not, even for a minute, want you to misinterpret what I’ve said here. I pray that all of you are united with Bible believing churches and attend regularly. “Do not forsake the

assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some do; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25.

I just wanted to reiterate, don't miss any opening where you can share the love of Jesus with others. To quote Molly B. from Kansas, “Throw kindness around like confetti.”

Among the events we were blessed to participate in recently were the Gunnar's Thunder Run with the American Legion Post 145. The members were very gracious. We handed out a lot of Gospels with patriotic covers and cross and flag pins attached. The Steve Bannon Memorial Ride was hosted by Calvary Chapel in Danville, benefitting Riley Hospital for Children. Mike Mathis planned a great ride followed by fabulous “church ladies' food” for lunch and wonderful fellowship. The weather was really hot for the Joe Matthews III Memorial Car and Bike Show benefitting the Veterans' Memorial at the Avon United Methodist Church. This event is always meaningful as we remember our good friend, Joe Matthews. We sat by our trike, Gideon 2, and gave scripture portions to the adults and coloring books and crayons to the kids.

By now you have seen the “new” New Life Riders website. www.newliferiders.com Steve Pyatte did a fabulous job building it for us. Please check it often to get suggestions for worthwhile motorcycling events that you can attend and share the love of Jesus. It would be humanly impossible to attend them all, but would really be fun to try!

Some upcoming September events are the Blue Star Spirit of Christmas Ride on September 8 starting and ending at Avon American Legion Post 145. Contact Bruce Hoover for more information. Bruce.hoover2att.net.

The Five Star Benefit Ride will start at the Plainfield Eagles to benefit the Traumatic & Acquired Brain Injury Survivors of Indiana on September 15. Call Bryan Titus for additional information (317) 286-8152

Region 11, Hendricks County 11th Annual Down Bikers but Not Forgotten Memorial Ride on September 22 is starting at Emmy's Pancake House, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, Indiana. The ride is in memory of Rick Perkins and is formatted to Rick's beloved “Jelly Bean Run.” For more information contact Sheila at Caseys517@sbcglobal.net

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, September 7th 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.

May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him. 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)