



# *New Life Riders*

*Motorcyclists Serving God and Community*

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As most of you know, I start compiling thoughts for the monthly newsletter usually about a month ahead of time. As I was finishing up this month's newsletter, I received a call from Bob Johnson informing me that his dear wife Toni had gone home to be with Jesus. It was very devastating to hear. I had a hard time holding back my tears. She was a beautiful Christian woman who was an active member and very supportive of the New Life Riders Ministry.

After getting Bob's call, I thought that I should set aside what I had written for September and write about Toni, Myrtle, Walt and Jimmy, the four beautiful people we lost in a little over two months. As I began to write complimentary comments about each of them, I got this feeling I was doing something that all four would not want me to do. I really struggled with this. Believing that they would really want me to talk about Jesus, the following is what I originally wrote for September before receiving Bob's telephone call:

*Dear Friends,*

*Can you believe it is September? October is practically here. Time to prepare for Thanksgiving and start your Christmas shopping. Happy New Year everyone! Wow, this year has really gone fast!*

*With time going by so quickly, did you ever feel like you were about to "miss the boat" or in the case of motorcyclists, miss a fantastic bike night or great ride? There have been times when Kathy and I thought it might happen to us.*

*It is funny how the human mind works. Thinking about missing things, Salvation comes to mind. What if we missed that!*

*When the Apostle Paul was on trial before King Agrippa (Acts 26:28), he gave a strong witness of his faith. Agrippa responded, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." Just imagine, he was **almost** persuaded.*

*Philip P. Bliss, who wrote the hymn "Almost Persuaded" heard a Preacher end his sermon with the words, "He who is almost persuaded is almost saved, and to be almost saved is to be entirely lost." Philip couldn't forget those words... and he soon wrote the hymn. This took place in 1871. Since then, this hymn has been used as an invitation hymn in bringing many to Christ. It is certainly one of the saddest hymns you will ever sing!*

***"Almost persuaded now to believe, Almost persuaded, Christ to receive,***

*Seems now some soul to say,  
Go Spirit, Go Thy way, some more convenient day, on Thee I'll call."  
"Almost Persuaded, harvest is past, Almost persuaded, doom comes at last,  
Almost cannot avail,  
Almost is but to fail, Sad, Sad, the bitter wail, almost but lost."*

*The gift of salvation is free to all who believe. It is our responsibility as Christians and New Life Riders to share, **in a loving way**, the message of salvation with all whom we meet and prevent their becoming "almosts" if they are willing to accept Jesus into their hearts and lives. Be blessed as you take God's Word into all the world!*

*This past month has certainly provided great times of fellowship and opportunities for witness. I praise God for you and your partnership!*

*I'm pleased to tell you that we had two visitors attend last months dinner meeting. It's always great to have visitors, riders and non-riders alike. We can never have too many prayer warriors!*

*Suzie Lambert gave a great devotional message on Harvest last month. She also gave everyone in attendance a live vegetable plant that she started from seed. This month my wife, Kathy, will be presenting the devotions at our meeting. As most of you know, her messages are always interesting and stimulating.*

*Come and join us at the next New Life Riders meeting on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.*

*Straddle that saddle and join us. Do not come alone, bring a friend. We hope to see you there!*

*Kathy, and I pray you have safe riding, blessings and many opportunities to share the love of Jesus in the upcoming activities listed on the New Life Riders Website, [www.newliferiders.com](http://www.newliferiders.com) Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact 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!*

*Please continue to keep the families of all those who have recently lost loved ones in prayer for peace and comfort.*

*May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him!*

*As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road!*

*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)***