



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

The Lord promised His Presence to Moses and also to Joshua (Joshua 1:5) His words are repeated in the Epistle to the Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave you nor forsake you." My wife, Kathy, tells me that the double negative in Greek could really be translated, "I will never, ever, ever leave or forsake you." He is always with us; in times of joy, in times of loss and in times of sorrow.

We have had the blessing of beautiful riding weather over the past few weeks which certainly causes bikers to be joyful.

And what a joyful time we had at the second annual mid-west autumn round-up in Shelbyville, Kentucky with our brothers and sisters in motorcycle ministry. We had a blessed time of fellowship and a delicious meal at Claudia Sanders Restaurant. We wish we could all get together more often.

Kathy and I also had the joyful experience of setting up our ministry booth at the Avon Heritage Festival this past Saturday. What a great time we had! We were in the booth for ten hours handing out scriptures, brochures and items for all the children. We talked with some people who ride, some who used to ride and some who would like to ride. Everyone has a story and we were there to listen and offer encouragement. One really special moment was when a gentleman stopped by with his little granddaughter who had just turned two. He asked her to let us hear how a motorcycle sounds. I wish you could have listened to this sweet little child answer with a loud, "Vroom, Vroom!"

The Lord has also promised never to leave us in times of loss and sorrow. In the past several months, Kathy and I have lost a dear family member, several special friends from our church, friends from ABATE, a precious lady from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, and an extraordinary friend with whom we have served in volunteer motorcycle ministry for over thirty years. It saddens us to let these beloved people go, but we know they are all at home with Jesus.

In times like these, we can take comfort in the words of Jesus in the fourteenth chapter of John. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, how can we know the way.' Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (NKJV)

Because of His sacrifice on Calvary, Jesus has gone on ahead of us to prepare a permanent dwelling place, a "Home." When we consider the earthly concept of a dwelling place, we call it "Home" because of who lives there; loved ones, parents, spouses and children. More importantly, we can look forward to the "Home" Jesus has prepared because the Triune God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, is there!

Just as Jesus has prepared a place for us, we too, must be prepared. If you haven't invited Him into your heart and life, I would urge you to do it today. Jesus promises "I am the Way" paved to God's heart because of what He did for us on the cross. He doesn't hand us an impossible road map. He shows us through His Word the way to forgiveness, acceptance and eternal life. Receive Him today!

One really beautiful afternoon last week, Kathy and I decided to "prepare" by taking an eighty-five mile ride originating in North Salem that we found on the internet. We thought the group might enjoy this one. We

were looking forward to getting out into the country and viewing some of the leaves that had just begun to turn to crimson and golden hues. We were about to turn onto the usual road we take to North Salem, when we saw the huge "Road Closed" sign, detour one mile. Well, eleven miles later we finally reached the detour in New



Winchester. Realizing North Salem could be accessed on this road, we thought we were on our way. Within a short time, the road became graded in preparation for paving. We rode through dust and gravel for the next eight miles. Once we got to North Salem, we thought we would be home free for the next eighty-five miles. Little did we know there would be more road work, more graded highway up ahead. The road narrowed and our travels west were thwarted by some earth moving equipment. The entire ride was reaching comic proportions. One of the construction workers told us if we rode along in the berm, we probably wouldn't be splashed by gravel and tar. We finally saw a turn off and a road we knew would lead us home. I must say, had the road conditions been better it would have been a

beautiful ride.

We were praising God that we hadn't decided to lead our friends on a ride into the country without the preparation of a trial run. And we praise God that Jesus has gone to "prepare" a place for us and that He knows the way!

Our "adventure" brings up an important point. Trusting in God does not mean we will not experience difficulties. The Lord may not remove obstacles in our path, but He will help us overcome the roadblocks that we face in life. Of course, the hindrance on our little ride was miniscule compared to difficulties that some people have encountered in life. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are struggling financially, with serious health problems and loss. There are so many ways that we can be of assistance.

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!

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the next New Life Riders dinner meeting on Friday October third 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)