



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

My wife, Kathy, and I missed a few of the October local rides and biking events while we were in Florida. We had a wonderful trip in really hot weather and great fun meeting up with friends and family. As we traveled north toward home, we felt so blessed to experience the change in seasons. What a precious reminder of the One who does not change, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

We were happy to return home in time to participate in one of the special autumn events we especially enjoy, the annual Trunk-n-Treat on our church parking lot. Church members creatively decorate their cars and trucks to provide a safe place for the children to show off their costumes and receive some candy. We pull our little orange trailer decorated like a pumpkin behind the Valkyrie. I hold the cauldron filled with treats for the kids; Kathy gives Gospels of John with colorful candy corn covers to the parents. We're not sure who has the most fun, the children or us.

I don't know about you, but I can hardly believe it is November! However, the evidence is all around. The lingering leaves of russet, amber and crimson; the steel-blue sky; and frosty mornings, seem to be saying, "Thanksgiving is almost here." Naturally, thoughts of the holiday invoke visions of family gathered around the table, of fruits and veggies spilling from cornucopia, the aroma of turkey and pies in the oven, and, of course, football.

It's a wonderful time of year. However, I know we should be engaged in daily "Thanks Living," expressing our gratitude to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us; for family, home, the freedom we have in this great nation of ours, for work, health, friendship and the list goes on.... Joyce Kilmer once said, "Thank God for His many blessings, but thank God for God." The Apostle Paul wrote, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

I am grateful to God for Calvary and all that was accomplished there. Recently, a friend forwarded an email with pictures of a large cross, located in Amarillo, Texas. It is surrounded by magnificent metal sculptures depicting scenes from the last week of Jesus' life here on earth. We see Him breaking bread at the Last Supper, standing before Pontius Pilate, being nailed to the cross, drooping beneath the weight of the cross, and hanging between the two thieves; then, the glorious empty tomb, and the victorious risen Christ! Because He lives, we too can live victorious lives. "Now thanks be unto God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ." 2 Corinthians 2:14

I have not had the experience of seeing the sculptures in Amarillo first hand. However, in June 2007, Kathy, and I saw the 198 foot cross in Effingham, Illinois for the first time as we were traveling west on our way to a rally in Branson. We had already passed the exit when we gazed to our left



and saw several bikes parked at the foot of the cross. We pressed on, making a mental note that we would stop on our way home. What a blessing!

Displays with audio commentary representing the Ten Commandments surround the cross. The Welcome Center was closed and there were no other visitors the day we arrived at "The Cross at the Crossroads." It actually gave us some time for quiet reflection. When we returned home, we learned that the Road Riders for Jesus were the bikers we had seen from the highway that early June morning.

Dear friends, we all come to a crossroad in life where a decision to accept or reject God's free gift of salvation must be made. Remember, the ground is level at the foot of the cross. God does not show partiality. "The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." Romans 1:18 If you haven't invited Jesus into your heart and life I would urge you to do it today.

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!

The New Life Riders ride with the purpose of serving God and the Community. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization to be part of our group. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. Everyone is welcome.

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

May you be abundantly blessed this Thanksgiving – and always!

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)