



# *New Life Riders*

*Motorcyclists Serving God and Community*

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*Dear Friends,*

*There is a marvelous feeling of anticipation and excitement in the air. Holiday decorations in the community and music in the malls ready us for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Those of you in my generation will remember when the stores were closed on Sundays. In December on Sunday afternoons, the sidewalks would be filled with people who had gone to the city to “window shop.” My grandfather would take my brother and me into center city Philadelphia to view the animated displays at Gimbel’s, Strawbridges and Wanamakers. It must have been a universal practice as I recall seeing “Little Ralphie’s” family doing the same thing here in the Midwest in the film, A Christmas Story.*



*The 1987 Harley Davidson Christmas Plate, entitled, “The Joy of Giving” is also reminiscent of this bygone era. It is actually my wife, Kathy’s, favorite plate in the series. I’d best be careful how much I say about those commemorative Harley Davidson plates because we haven’t hung them since we moved to Indiana. The project will surely wind up on my “honey do” list.*

*Regrettably in December, not everyone is able to approach the season with warm cozy feelings. Some go through their darkest moments; they may be grieving the loss of loved ones, the anxiety of job issues or unemployment, problems in relationships which seem to intensify at this time of year, discouragement with present situations, and heartbreak from Christmases past, and even the memory of childhood disappointments.*

*As bikers, we have the opportunity to bring the wonder of the Christmas Season to precious children and to families in need when we participate*

*in toy runs, food distribution projects, etc. We can become the hands and feet of Jesus to them.*

*Jesus came into a world that was facing problems very much like the ones you and I grapple with today. With so much chaos around us, there is need for hope in our world. Just when things seemed like they could not get any worse, God sent His Son, Jesus. Galatians 4:4 “But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, under the law, to redeem those under the law that we might receive full rights as sons.” There is a direct connection that leads from the manger to the cross, where Christ has provided hope and new life for us by sacrificing his life.*

*The Apostle Paul says quite a bit about this “hope.” In First Thessalonians 5:8, he tells us, “...Let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.” As bikers, vests and helmets offer us protection from road hazards and accidents. “The helmet of salvation” offers us hope and assurance that the Lord will be with us and protect us from thoughts of disappointment and discouragement. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*

*Dear friends, you can turn your discouragement into hope. If you have not already invited Jesus into your heart and life, this yuletide season would be a perfect time to do it. "...Behold, now is the day of salvation." Second Corinthians 6:2*

*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](http://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!*

*One other thing, do not underestimate YOUR ability to make a difference in someone's life. We never know who might need your word of encouragement, your prayer, or your love...especially during this Christmas season.*

*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 December fifth 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).*

*Kathy and I pray you will be abundantly blessed during this beautiful Christmas season and that you will have good health and safe riding in the New Year.*

*As always, we look forward to seeing you down the road.*

*Merry  
Christmas*



*God bless  
Riding with Jesus,  
Bob & Kathy 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)***