

New Life Riders

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Dear friends,

Kathy and I want to thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, cards and letters of encouragement. We can't thank you enough. Especially for the prayers.

In the latter part of James 4:14 it says, "Life is a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."

After I thought of this verse my mind flashed back to March 2003. That is when Kathy and I went to Bike Week in Daytona Beach Florida. During that week we saw quite a few things and met a few motorcycle personalities. But the above verse brings Indian Larry to mind.

Indian Larry, from what I have read, was not a religious person, but he often expressed his belief that life is "a really precious, short gift." I like the way Larry said that.

When Kathy and I approached the large crowd that surrounded Larry's booth, he looked at us and waved. He then walked around his table, walked through the crowd and took Kathy's hand and lead us into his booth. It seemed like he knew us and was waiting for us. You wouldn't know it to look at him, but he was soft spoken and had a sense of humor. There were many wanting to see him, but he kept talking to us for quite a few minutes. Before saying goodbye, Larry put his arm around Kathy, and I took the attached photo.

Looking at the photo you can't help but see the tattoo on his neck. It went across the front

of his throat; of all his tattoos it was the most often commented on. The tattoo read:

IN GOD WE TRUST VENGEANCE IS MINE SAYETH THE LORD NO FEAR

The lettering of the middle two lines were in reverse so that it could be read in the bike's mirror. Larry said that it was his way to remind himself not to



judge others and that revenge was not his job. I read when Larry was asked about the meaning

of the tattoo during the Motorcycle Mania II program in 2001, he explained with a big grin on his face, "...it's my philosophy. Go through life, see what's up. Try not to kill nobody!"

Larry died on Monday, August 30, 2004. He got a serious head injury while preforming a stunt called the "Crucifix Pose." This was a stunt he had done many times. However, according to an article his wife wrote after his death, Larry had expressed that he did not have a good feeling about performing the stunt. He shared with a close friend on Saturday morning that it was as if a small voice was whispering in his ear, but he felt pressured to do it. He didn't want to let the show's promoters or the crowd of several thousand people down. Larry was only 55 years old.

I pray that the noise and pressure of life doesn't keep you from hearing the small soft voice. Listen to your heart, listen to your head. This is how God summons us. He calls us by name.

Sometimes God calls us and sometimes we call upon God. Either way, God meets us, and we pray that God makes the way clear for us. When we respond to God, we lean on His grace and trust in His love.

Keep checking the Events Page for 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 there and share the love of Jesus.

We are engaged in ministry and service in whatever we do. The gift of new life in Jesus is for everyone. The gifts and talents the Lord has given us are not for ourselves, but to be extended to others.

Go into the world, don't just have a voice, but a voice that is given by God that is different from the rest of the world's voices.

Continue to pray for our country, our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

Please watch for my emails, prayer requests and updates!

May God smile upon your life so that your smile reflects God's presence in it.

God bless.
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon



Be blessed as you ride, work and live for Him!

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)