

## New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community
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Dear friends,

Did you ever notice how slowly the days go by when you are waiting for something special, a birthday, a wedding, the birth of a baby, graduation or Christmas? I can recall when "Are we there yet, Dad?" was the resounding question in my ear when either of my young daughters was riding with me.

Yes, waiting can be difficult. My favorite passage of scripture is Isaiah 40:31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." I must admit I was becoming weary waiting for Kathy to come home from the hospital. Finally, after three weeks she is back at the Manor with me. I know many of you have felt the anxiety of what I was going through. During our 56 years of marriage, we were seldom apart.

I would walk through our apartment each day and mutter, "This place is empty; there is definitely a void here." I would tell myself she will be home soon. I also knew that there were people out there who were grieving the loss of loved ones, having serious health problems, facing unemployment and foreclosure; people in grave situations that need comfort and help. I really shouldn't have been complaining. But I couldn't help worrying about her. I missed her! I should have chosen to respond with faith instead of fear as I watched for signs of His healing power in her life and believed in His goodness.

Waiting for Kathy to return home brought some new lessons regarding "waiting upon the Lord." Some of the newer translations say, "They that hope in the Lord." which seems more "active." Isaiah 40:31 continues to call us to a quiet time of prayer and meditation, getting closer to the Lord. However, hoping also signifies "doing," trusting God with active confidence.

It's great to have Kathy home with me again. However, those three weeks taught me some precious lessons. I am looking forward to sitting on the upper deck with her here at the Manor, sharing the upcoming crisp autumn air and leaves of every hue imaginable as the Fall season rolls in!

St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee, O God." May we all rest in God's ever-present love for us.

Though Kathy and I are no longer able to ride, we are still very passionate about the mission of the New Life Riders. The New Life Riders ride through life with the purpose of

serving God and the Community. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization, or even own a motorcycle to be part of our group. Quietly minister with unconditional love and integrity to the spiritual needs of those in your community no matter who or where they are. We do this by developing one-on-one relationships - just like Jesus has done with us. We believe His desire for us is to share and to show the love of Christ in such a way, that it will cause others to want for themselves, what they see Him doing in and through us. The New Life Riders want to help create an awareness within the Christian community of the many needs and opportunities there are to minister to those who ride motorcycles.

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

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road. Love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

God bless.
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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Please watch for my emails, prayer requests and updates.

On a humorous note: "Behind every husband who thinks he wears the pants... is a wife that told him which pants to wear."

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)