

New Life Riders

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Dear Friends,

Before I say anything, I have to thank many of you for writing back to me in response to the October newsletter. I appreciated hearing that some of you passed the Newsletter around to your friends. I want you to know that I am grateful for each of you and the work you do for the Lord and the New Life Riders Ministry.

Can you 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, "Election Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving are just around the corner."

As we approach November, our thoughts naturally gravitate toward election day. Our responsibility is to research each political candidate, judge their view against God's Word, and pray earnestly for our Lord to guide us to our personal decision as we vote.

Although we should be grateful every day, in November we particularly want to thank God for all His blessings. We should also express our appreciation for our military who are serving around the world and for our veterans and for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Thinking of our daily expressions of gratitude to the Lord, I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in First Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

As we approach the Thanksgiving Season, we not only humble ourselves before God to praise Him for all we have and are, but to praise Him for who He is! It is a special time to love the Lord, to renew our commitment to Him and to allow our gratitude to spill over in deep appreciation for all the people He has brought into our lives. We are especially grateful for our family and our friends.

Kathy and I always looked forward to the November rides. They were usually hosted by local motorcycle clubs desiring to help others. The toy runs and charity rides to benefit those in need gave all of us a three-fold reason to ride: helping others, enjoying the freedom of the road, and the fellowship of friends in the biking community. Even if you no longer own a motorcycle, go and share the love of Jesus. We can be thankful for the blessing of being able to help these good causes and to have the opportunity of sharing the love of Jesus at the same time.

As you are aware, motorcycle activities are ongoing in the winter months. I am sure we will meet many people who need Jesus at the scheduled indoor biker events. Please remember

people in the motorcycling community are very observant: they are watching to see how we succeed in face of challenges. In our task of spreading the gospel and getting people to see how the Word of God can impact their lives, we must also give them a non-judgmental ear. The best method is still person to person or, as the old adage goes, "Each one, reach one."

If you have not invited Jesus into your heart and life, I would urge you to do it today. Let Him take control of your life. When we turn our lives over to Jesus and let Him be the rider and we the passenger, it is a blessing to know that He is in charge. He knows what lies around the next corner, He knows how fast we can take the curves, and He knows how to maintain us and keep us going. When we want to shout directions from the pillion seat, God will not force us to go down the roads that He knows are best. However, what a blessing when we allow Him to take us where He wills.

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

Kathy and I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Season as we all rejoice in the Lord and joy in the God of our salvation!

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:

A Thanksgiving poem.

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your Turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump,
May your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize,
and may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs.

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)