



New Life Riders

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Dear Friends,

I write this message with a prayer that you will feel God's presence during the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas.

The birth of Jesus was an event the prophets had foretold and for which the people had awaited expectantly. Every era has had a need for Christ and ours is no exception. In fact, we stand in special need of Him. As the day we celebrate our Savior's birth approaches, are our hearts open and waiting? Or are our lives so cluttered with customs of little or no spiritual significance that we lose sight of the true meaning of His coming? We long for simpler times; but life must have been just as stressful two thousand years ago. The people were burdened with worry about payment of their taxes and the traffic associated with everyone going to his own city must have been horrendous!

Bethlehem was crowded. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7. No room at the inn! If you have ever experienced a series of "no vacancy" signs, you probably have caught a glimpse of how they must have felt.

A number of years ago, Kathy and I were on our way to one of those fantastic motorcycle rallies hosted by the little church "Pappy" and Gloria Flora served in Thorold, Ontario. We left Philadelphia on Friday night after work, thinking we would ride for a few hours and find a place to stay. Foolishly, we had not made reservations. At each motel where we stopped we were told, "Sorry, no room!" We were beginning to think perhaps it was our appearance (disheveled) and our mode of transportation (a motorcycle) that caused the "no room" response. Seeing a roadside rest and realizing I was getting tired, Kathy suggested I sleep on the picnic table. I decided to press on and stop at the next filling station. There we struck up a conversation with a young man who told us his dad, the headmaster at a Christian Academy somewhere in New England, was horrified when he started riding. He had never heard about any Christian biking organizations but felt sure his father would have a different opinion of his riding once he read the literature we had given him. We felt the Lord wanted us to meet this young man and once we were back on the road we would find a vacancy – still no room! The idea of the picnic table was starting to look good! We finally did find a place to stay at 2 AM. A friendly Christian hotel clerk from South Africa advised us to park our bike right at the front door where "he would keep watch by night."

No room at the inn for the Babe of Bethlehem was a serious situation; no room in the heart for the Christ of Calvary is another story entirely. I am reminded of the hymn:

*“Have you any room for Jesus, He who bore your load of sin?
As He knocks and asks admission, Will you let Him in?
Room for Jesus, King of glory! Hasten now, His Word obey.
Swing your heart’s door widely open, bid Him enter while you may.”*

Remember to check out your favorite motorcycle website. Keep checking it for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. If you've already given up your motorcycle, go anyway. You don't have to straddle that saddle to be a blessing! Reflect His love for all those around you. Don't underestimate your ability to make a difference in someone's life and don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. No matter what your abilities or gifts are, Jesus will use them to reach people for Him.

Dear friends, if you have never asked Jesus into your heart, this Advent season would be an excellent time.

As always, keep on doing the good stuff. I look forward to seeing you down the road!

*God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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God bless America.

I wish you a blessed Christmas Season as we all rejoice in the Lord and joy in the God of our salvation.



***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)***