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The Dash Board

- 11 vehicles are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 18 missionary families are scheduled to use RR vehicles over the next 18 months.
- 16 vehicles donated, 14 sold, 2 kept.
- 100% of any donation goes directly to the purchase and maintenance of vehicles.



The Filling Station

Please partner with us in praying for the following requests:

- Safety and maintenance free travel for missionaries.
- Calendaring vehicles.
- Wisdom in use of funds.
- Affordable insurance.
- Administrative duties of Righteous Rides.
- Sale & purchase of vehicles.

Join us in praising God for the following

- 5 new vehicles purchased this summer!
- Generous donors.
- Safety & minimal maintenance.
- 1 vehicle operating out of the Texas "hub".



(Above) Foday Mashburn put's the finishing touches on a vehicle preparing it for missionary use.

Youth, Doing What is Right.

"...let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10

On Wednesday, July 2nd, Bret and Mark were able to give a Righteous Rides presentation to the youth group at Troy First Baptist Church. This was their first youth group presentation.

What a privilege for Bret to share how he and Mark were friends in a youth group such as theirs. Mark was given the opportunity to share from God's Word. He asked the teens what the word "righteous" meant. Righteous means "doing what is right". He challenged the teens to do what is "right" by using the talents God has blessed them with for His glory.

Three vans were parked outside the youth room. Following the meeting the youth used their talents to do what was right by giving each van a shine inside and out.

Karen was at it again taking pictures...enjoy!



*"It warms my heart to see God's people get involved in ministry!"
Dave Ramaly*



In Dallas Dave meets up with Gersan to pick up the van prior to Gersan's return to Haiti...5:45 a.m.!

What's happening in **Texas**?

- This past spring the ministry of Righteous Rides was presented to several groups in Texas.
- Righteous Rides has monthly supporters in Texas.
- Four vehicles have been sold in Texas and the proceeds donated to Righteous Rides.
- A group of volunteers, enthusiastic about Righteous Rides, exists in Texas.

It has been the desire of the Righteous Rides board to begin a "hub" in Texas. At the end of June, Texas Board member, Dave Ramaly became aware of a missionary family coming into Dallas that were in need of a vehicle. A van had just been purchased and the decision was made; the van would head to Texas.

Our desire is to keep this van south as the first vehicle of the Texas "hub". This goal and the decision to keep the van in Texas has been confirmed by the requests we've received from missionaries for a vehicle in the Dallas area. Three missionary families will use the van over the next year, Gersan & family, the Kopp's and the Moeller's. It's booked until June 2009!

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Accelerating the Gospel

Our Mission: To further the spread of the gospel message of Jesus Christ by assisting evangelistic organizations in meeting their personal transportation needs.

Our Team: Righteous Rides is a team of auto enthusiasts donating their time, money, and expertise to ease the hassles often experienced by missionaries and mission organizations in acquiring and maintaining their vehicles. We invite you to join us by praying for Righteous Rides, giving financially, or vehicle donations.

If you'd like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, drop us a note at Karen@righteousrides.org and we'll add you to the e-mail list.

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Just recently on a foggy Saturday morning in the city of Webster Groves, southwest of St. Louis, Righteous Rides purchased a '03 Metallic Red Town and Country Minivan. On the same morning in Kenya, Africa the Harrison's (pictured left) e-mailed a request to Righteous Rides for the use of a vehicle. Because of the purchase made that morning we were able to respond to the Harrison's request with a "YES, we have a vehicle available for your family."

Three days later Righteous Rides received an e-newsletter from a missionary couple in the Middle East stating that husband, Jonathan would be flying into the US in June and that he had *not* acquired transportation to use during his short stay. Renting a vehicle was their next option, but that would be costly.

After gathering information on the Harrison's request for a vehicle and Jonathan's need for a vehicle, a few connections were made.

Connection #1: The Harrison's and Jonathan needed a vehicle in Duluth, MN.

Connection #2: Jonathan would end his short stay in MN mid July and the Harrison's would arrive mid-July in MN.

Seeing these connections, the thought occurred, *could Righteous Rides provide transportation for Jonathan in June and July, and provide transportation for the Harrison's starting in July?* But wait, Jonathan would be flying into the U.S. on June the 17th, that's today! In fact, he was on his 12 hour flight to Minneapolis, MN as we began thinking through his need for transportation. How could we possibly meet this immediate need for transportation? Meanwhile, on the mission field, Jonathan's wife, Heather, sat at a computer and felt compelled NOT to e-mail supporters of his need for transportation. Later it became obvious to Heather why she felt compelled *not* to send that e-mail.

A call was made to Don, an American Airlines pilot, who had delivered vehicles for Righteous Rides previously. We shared with Don the urgent need to get the newly acquired 2003 Metallic Red T&C to Jonathan who would be landing in Minneapolis later that evening. Don said he would call back in just a few short hours to let us know if he could deliver the van. Don's return call amazed us, "Yes, I can transport the van and would like to leave *this afternoon* for Minneapolis!" We were awed at God's creativity in provision and how the details were falling into place.

The newly acquired vehicle had already been waxed, Righteous Rides stickers put on, inspection and maintenance had been done. Arrangements were made to meet Don at the Department of Revenue (DOR) where the title was transferred to Righteous Rides and plates were purchased. A screw driver was borrowed from the DOR in order to put the plates on. A full tank of gas and a cold bottle of water awaited Don as he slipped into the van to drive it to Minneapolis.

Standing at the DOR it's amazing to think "just three short days ago on a foggy Saturday morning in the city of Webster Groves, Righteous Rides purchased..." oh, the phone's ringing...it's Bret...he's just purchased another minivan!

Another connection: Jonathan and his family attend the same church as the Harrison's in Duluth, MN Jonathan simply left the van at their home church for the Harrison's to pick up upon their arrival.

God's ultimate provision, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29



Jonathan was amazed at God's provision of transportation.

Join us at the Righteous Rides Banquet as we share our

"Million Mile Mission"

Saturday, October 25th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Old Hickory Golf Club

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