

The Dash Board

- 18 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 57 Missionary families are scheduled to use vehicles over the next few years.
- 32 vehicles donated, 28 sold, 3 kept, 1 is in the process of being sold!
- 18 vans drove a total of 91,236 miles in the 2nd quarter of 2009.



The Filling Station Praises:

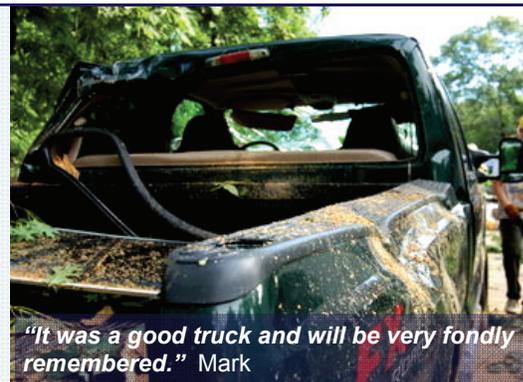
- We've seen God's protection of missionary families on the road!
- RR sent out one e-mail sharing a need, desiring to purchase one van. The response was so great, we were able to purchase TWO vans!
- Three new stow-n-go vans were added to the Righteous Rides fleet in May 09'.
- The ministry of RR was presented at three churches recently.

Prayer Requests:

- God's wisdom and guidance for the team as the ministry continues to grow.
- Safe summer travel for missionaries.
- Opportunities to present the ministry of Righteous Rides in various churches.
- Minimal and low cost maintenance during the hot summer months.

Righteous Rides

Traffic Report



"It was a good truck and will be very fondly remembered." Mark

The Road Ahead by Tina Byus

In Genesis 22:13, "Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son." God provided for Abraham. In Genesis 22:1-19, verse 8 tells us that Abraham was expecting that God would provide for Himself a "lamb" for the burnt offering, yet God provided a "ram" (vs. 13).

"In the midst of Abraham's agony of having to slay his most precious possession, he looked up and right before him was a ram caught by his horns in the thicket. Provision was literally caught in front of him. This is not exactly the way Abraham thought things were going to work out. He told Isaac that God would provide a lamb. Hebrews 11:17-19 tells

us that Abraham also realized that God was able to raise Isaac from the dead if need be.

We get enough of a picture to see Abraham believed that somehow God was going to provide. Abraham was wrong about the process but right in concept. This is the kind of wrong that is perfectly OK to be. He was wrong about the details but right about the fact that God would provide" (No Other Gods by Kellie Minter). God honored his faith. Abraham believed God to be a God of provision.

Waking up on Sunday morning, June 28th, to see that the Righteous Rides truck had been crushed by two falling trees in a storm that came through during the night has challenged the Righteous Rides Team to remember that

God is a God of provision.

The 2003 Ford Diesel truck had been used faithfully in the Lords work. It was used to: 1) service many devastated by hurricane Katrina, 2) transport vans to or from various cities in the U.S. for missionaries, and 3) pick up newly purchased vans or donated vehicles by our volunteers, Layne, Emery and Steve.

We do not know the road ahead but wait with expectation, as Abraham did, to see how God will provide a replacement. Though we don't know the process, we know we are right about the concept...God will provide!

(Note: Bret being a "Chrysler" guy" is wondering if there's a Dodge Ram caught somewhere in the thicket for Righteous Rides!)

Roadmap for Success by Sylvia Ramaly

Fellowship Bible Church in Longview, Texas has come up with an roadmap for success to help Righteous Rides provide transportation to missionaries .

One of FBC's missionary families, the Hansen's, were headed to the U.S. to begin their home assignment, so they decided to raise enough funds for Righteous Rides to purchase a van for the Hansen family to use. The following is a note of explanation we received from Dave, who headed up the project in Longview:

"Our fund raiser for the van is going very good. Last Sunday was the first Sunday the fund raiser was presented and we collected \$3,500! A display was made listing van "parts" members could purchase. After a part was purchased it was marked as "SOLD". When purchasers see the real van, they'll know which part they purchased. This has been a great visual! Maybe other churches could use this method. It has been very encouraging to see how God is working this all out."

In May, Righteous Rides purchased and delivered a van to the Hansen family of six. At the end of their home assignment, the van will be returned to the Righteous Rides fleet of vans to be assigned to another missionary family.

FBC took care of the finances to acquire the van, and Righteous Rides is taking care of administration, insurance and maintenance of the van. **Who benefits from this joint effort?** Missionaries on home assignment! Now that's a roadmap for success!



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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 donating vehicles.

Newsletter: If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via e-mail instead of receiving a hard copy, please notify us at Karen@righteousrides.org.

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Our "on the road" Furlough Experience

By Rodney & Suzanne

Arrival

Upon arriving in Dallas, we were met at the airport by a wonderful young couple who had risen very early to deliver our Righteous Rides van to us. We were so pleased to be able to use the GPS to find our way directly to our friend's home in Rockwall, Texas where we recovered from jetlag over the next several days.

On The Road/Deputation

We drove about 5,000 miles across the Gulf of Mexico region to Florida and then up the east coast and finally home to northern Ohio. On the way, we were able to visit numerous friends and supporting churches that we had not seen for more than four years. We also dropped in on Suzanne's brother in Virginia.

On the way, the van handled exceptionally well and we were so pleased with the level of comfort provided by the smooth ride of the six-cylinder engine. We did not have any mechanical problems.

Family Time

We stayed with Suzanne's 91-year-old Dad in Ohio and had the best visit ever. We used the vehicle to take him out to eat every day as he had been house-bound for years. While there he fell ill, and passed away. Righteous Rides bent over backwards to arrange for us to make use of the van for an extended period of three months. Without the van, it would have been impossible to make funeral arrangements or do anything else while in Ohio. Also, before Dad passed away, Suzanne was able to lead him into faith in Jesus as his Lord and Savior.



Allen
(Suzanne's Dad)

It became clear to us that the folks at Righteous Rides are in tune with the Holy Spirit and that God has his hand on the organization. God's heart is for missions and He looks after His missionaries. The Righteous Rides team have given up a lot and laid down their lives to serve people like us. Their reward will be great in heaven. In our view, they are an absolutely essential service for the missionary community because finding a vehicle to drive for furlough is one of the biggest headaches for most missionaries.

THANK YOU RIGHTEOUS RIDES!

→ We wanted to pass along this "thank you" message to those of you who have supported this ministry in one way or another! May it encourage you as it did us. What a joy to hear of the salvation of Suzanne's father!

"Goodie Bags" for the Road Ahead

Wes and Renee' Russell have recently joined the RR Team. Wes is currently serving on the board. Renee' has begun a new project providing goodie bags to missionaries. These bags are designed for the road ahead as the missionaries pick up their vans to begin their furlough, or as they drop off their vans to head back to their fields of service.

Renee' is aware that, depending on the field to which God has called a missionary, there are sometimes "American" items that cannot be purchased there, or are very expensive. Therefore, in the goodie bag for the departing missionary, things such as deodorants, gum, mints, dry puddings, medications, chewable vitamins for the kids, bags of nuts, chocolate chips, razors, toothbrushes or toothpaste are provided. Snacks and personal care items are provided for those picking up their vans to begin their furloughs. Renee' and her niece, Katie, have a "knack" for getting these items free or at a greatly reduced cost.



These personalized goodie bags are just one way to say *thank you* for the ministry and dedication each missionary has to God's work!

Million Mile Mission Report

464,746 miles*

*Miles covered since inception