

**The Dash Board**

- 19 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 62 missionary families are scheduled to use vehicles over the next few years.
- 37 vehicles donated, 34 sold, 3 kept (*since inception*)
- 18 vans were driven a total of 100,785 miles in the 3rd quarter of 2009.



**The Filling Station**

**Praises:**

- Righteous Rides has acquired better insurance coverage for the fleet.
- Just over half a million safe miles traveled.
- Faithful financial donors and volunteers.
- Recent presentation at the Chapel of the Lake.

**Prayer Requests:**

- God's wisdom and guidance for the team as the ministry continues to grow.
- Safe travel for missionaries.
- Minimal and low cost maintenance.
- Opportunity to share an 8-10 minute *Missions Moment* in various churches.



**On The Road Again in The "Big Dog"**

Waking up on Sunday morning, June 28<sup>th</sup>, to see that the Righteous Rides truck had been crushed by two falling trees challenged the Righteous Rides Team to remember that God is a God of provision.

The truck was totaled...what now? As we moved forward seeking God's plan, things began to come into focus. The totaled truck had been sold for \$7,800. Shortly after the sale of the Ford truck, Mark became aware of a 2004 Dodge Cummins, turbo-diesel, 1-ton dually, 6-speed for sale in Springfield, Missouri. He e-mailed the information to Bret. That morning, Bret *just happened* to be passing by Springfield. A stop was inevitable!

After looking over the truck, a deal was made-SOLD! The purchase price was \$11,000. This vehicle is capable of towing 20,000 pounds GCWR (*gross combined weight rating*). It also provides fuel economy of up to 23 mpg. Overall, in towing applications, Righteous Rides should see an improvement of up to 25% in fuel savings. Bret would like

to say this is just because it's a Dodge and not a Ford, but that would not be true. Some of the improvement is due to the fact that, previously Righteous Rides had a crew cab, 4 wheel drive truck. This truck has a standard cab with 2 wheel drive. The Dodge is a better fit for our needs.

Layne and Emery hit the road in the "Big Dog", as Layne calls it, making several trips delivering vans to missionaries and picking up vehicles donated to Righteous Rides.

In September, Layne nabbed his friend Joe to go with him to Chicago to deliver a van to John, Karen and family. After the delivery of the van, we received the following e-mail:

*"WOW! How delighted we were this week to meet the finest delivery crew this side of the Mississippi, Layne and Joe. Those guys were such a blessing to us. Lunch with them was a great time. Having the van delivered to our driveway still has us amazed. Your services have made our transition to life in the U.S. much*

*easier. We look forward to using this very nice van throughout the year, beginning with a family reunion this week in Michigan. Our kids are really pumped about the DVD player! May the knowledge of your blessing to us be of great encouragement this week. Kindest regards, John."*



Karen & Sally John, Layne, & Joe

*"It is truly a blessing when God's people work together for His glory." Joe*

Truly God is a God of provision! We are thankful for the way He continues to provide for the ministry or Righteous Rides.

*"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord,..."*  
Jeremiah 29:11

*Save the date...*

**2nd Annual Righteous Rides Banquet**

*Saturday, December 5th*

*4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*@ Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters, Mo.*

*Shifting into high gear on the "Million Mile Mission"*

*RSVP—tina@righteousrides.org*



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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.

**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](mailto:Karen@righteousrides.org).

### The Righteous Rides Team

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## ASE and I-CAR Certification



Vehicle maintenance is a big deal for Righteous Rides. Our desire is to maintain the vehicles in such a way that each missionary family receives a van that is road ready and will need minimal maintenance. This quarter, our fleet of 18 vans logged just over 100,000 miles. Currently, we have 19 vans...that means we have 76 tires on the road each day!

We are excited to report that Righteous Rides has recently received ASE and I-CAR recognition status. *What does this mean?*

ASE's certified program is both industry wide and national in scope. ASE is dedicated to improving the quality of vehicle repair and service by

means of voluntary testing and certification for automotive repair and service professionals.

ASE offers a series of certification exams for professionals. Upon passing the exams and providing proof of hands-on work experience, a professional becomes ASE certified. Every five years, professionals must be re-tested to remain certified.

I-CAR Gold Class Professionals designation is designed to help the collision industry meet its changing needs. As technology and repair procedures change, ongoing training provides the necessary preparation to meet the challenges facing the collision industry today.

The I-CAR Gold Class Professionals program requires testing and ongoing training for program recognition. Maintaining this designation will require ongoing training annually.

Bret, who is a part of the Righteous Rides team, passed ASE and I-CAR written examinations and has over 30 years worth of hands-on experience. This has enabled us to receive ASE and I-CAR certification. *What does this mean for a missionary using a Righteous Rides van?* It means we are providing them with quality vehicle maintenance 24/7. At any time, they can call our vehicle maintenance line and receive the assistance they need!

## Loose Connections

A car that is not starting properly or starts with difficulty often leads a car owner to jump to the conclusion that the battery needs to be replaced. Many times, the battery is **not** the root cause of the problem, but it is instead a loose connection between the battery and battery cables. Learn to fix loose battery cables and you might avoid unnecessarily spending money for a battery.

In this ministry, it is important to connect with the body of Christ in order to maintain, grow and build a stable foundation as we desire to serve missionaries for many years to come. A loose connection with the body of Christ would not be beneficial to growth. One way we are aiming to fix loose connections is by sharing an 8-10 minute *Missions Moment* in various churches. A *Missions Moment* is just enough time to whet a few appetites bringing questions to the Righteous Rides Team following a service.

Just recently, we had the opportunity to connect by sharing a *Missions Moment* at Chapel of the Lake.



Today's Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**MISSIONS MOMENT**  
*Righteous Rides*  
*Mark Reighard*

OFFERING

We would love the opportunity to connect with your church!

Contact: Renee Russell at [renee@righteousrides.org](mailto:renee@righteousrides.org) to schedule a date. No more *loose connections!*

**Million Mile Mission Report**

**565,531\***

\*Miles covered since inception