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The Dash Board

- 22 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 65 missionary families are scheduled to use vehicles over the next few years.
- 23 vans were driven a total of 99,027 miles in the 1st quarter of 2010.
- We accept vehicle donations. Donate your vehicle today!

Righteous Rides Traffic Report

The Kimball family with one of the new vans in front of "the shop."

Hangin' on for the Ride...

God has been doing some amazing things in the ministry of Righteous Rides! So much has happened in the 1st quarter of 2010 that the Righteous Rides Team is truly ‘hangin’ on for the ride’!

Come on in to the new Righteous Rides "shop!"

Since January 2008, every request for use of a van has been logged. In '08, we had 96 requests, 09' we logged 162 requests, and so far this year, we have received 95+ requests in 3 1/2 months! That’s an average of one per day!

In writing about the difficulty of making plans for an upcoming furlough, one missionary wrote,

"This is really hard to do from the other side of the world..."

The need is great...how can we possibly meet the transportation needs of more of these missionaries? Christ is our foundation! He is the cornerstone of this ministry.

"For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." 1 Peter 2:6"

We will trust in Him as we strive to meet this great, and in some cases, critical need.

Who's the new guy in the shop?

This is Paul, our new Director of Fleet Operations.

A few weeks ago, you should have received information either by e-mail or "snail" mail telling you about Paul. He will be a great help in managing this growing ministry. God could not have brought Paul and his family to us at a better time. His timing is always perfect. There’s so much going on at the shop that Paul has his hands full!

Take a look at what’s parked at the shop. It’s the newest van! Adding vans to the fleet is the only way we will be able to fill the need that is before us. Vans...we need more vans! You might ask yourself, "Does the Righteous Rides Team really think they will be able to fill the need of every missionary coming home on furlough?" No, we don’t, but we do know that we haven’t even put a dent in filling the need with the 22 vans we currently have.

In December, we launched the "10 in 10" Project. Our goal is to add 10 vans to the fleet in 2010. To date, we have been blessed with FOUR additional vans! That’s an awesome start. Only six more to go.

A new shop, four new vans and Paul, the addition to the Righteous Rides Team...there sure is a lot going on!

Jump in with us, and you’ll be "hangin' on for the ride" as God continues to shift the ministry of Righteous Rides into high gear!

The Filling Station

Praises:

- We are thankful to the Lord for his protection for one of the missionary families who were involved in a serious accident in March in a RR van.
- New facility in Moscow Mills!
- The Kimball family joining the RR Team!
- Faithful financial donors and volunteers.
- Recent presentations at Edgemont Bible Church and Troy First Baptist Men's Breakfast.
- Four additional vans added to the fleet so far in 2010!

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.
- Kimball family to be fully supported.

Drop-in for a visit at the new shop. Volunteer - there’s so much to be done.
Consider supporting the Kimball family financially on a monthly basis and let us know if you intend to do so. Their support is our most critical need as we lay a foundation to add more vans to the fleet.

For more information, go to www.righteousrides.org.
"Be a Part. Buy a Part"...a Pastor’s Perspective

My wife and I were privileged to attend the Righteous Rides Banquet in December of 2009. It was at that banquet that we learned that Righteous Rides was trusting the Lord to provide ten new vans in 2010. Several other families from Hope Bible Church were also at the banquet. As we were leaving, I asked these families to be praying that our church might be able to secure one of these ten vans. Each one I spoke to was enthused about being a part of this worthwhile project.

I presented the project to our Board and then asked the Righteous Rides Team to help us present the project to our congregation. Mark and Bret’s enthusiasm for this ministry is contagious, and the congregation immediately wanted to be a part by buying a part. For us, this was an exciting project because:

• Our missions-minded church readily understands the need for safe, reliable transportation for our missionaries on furlough or home assignment.
• The Righteous Rides method of securing and maintaining the vehicles frees the church from the administrative, mechanical, and insurance responsibilities of providing a late model van for our missionary families.
• We liked the idea that when one of our missionaries was not using the van, it was available to other missionaries who would benefit from the vehicle. That way, it never sat idle and we got maximum benefit out of our modest investment.
• The Be a Part - Buy a Part project allowed everyone in the church to participate. Even the children of the church participated by helping buy some of the smaller parts. This worthwhile project really was fun!

We are excited that our congregation saw the opportunity, participated enthusiastically and generously, and in one month, we were able to turn a check over to Righteous Rides for the purchase of “our van.” The Righteous Rides Team is scheduled to be with us on May 16th when we will present them with the keys to the newly acquired vehicle.

As I write this, we are waiting on one of our missionary families who will be moving into our missionary home. They will arrive in a Righteous Rides van!

Pastor Bruce Chulka, Hope Bible Church, O’Fallon, Missouri

"...your right hand will hold me fast..."

Psalm 139:105

In March, we were reminded of the importance of your prayers for the safety of missionaries as they travel. This past quarter, our missionaries averaged 4,716 miles traveled in one month!

In providing transportation, we realize that accidents can and most likely will occur. When word came of this serious accident, we were thankful that all of the passengers had been protected during their tumble!

We were heading east on Hwy 160. The speed limit on the road was 65 mph. We were doing 50 on a reasonable but wet surface. There was a straightaway with some slushy ice on it, and I let the car slow to 35-40. When we hit the slush, the van headed straight for the ditch, spun around so that it faced west and rolled down the embankment, rolled over and remained upright.

The Righteous Rides Team "just happened" to be meeting on the evening of the accident. Mark shared regarding the accident, the safety of the family and the loss of a van. Immediately after Mark shared, Wes handed Mark an envelope. In the envelope was money from Hope Bible Church for the purchase of a new van!

Please Continue to Pray!

We would like to thank the Rogers’ family for their recent memorial fund donation in loving honor of Mr. Doyle B. Rogers.