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The Filling Station
Praises

- The generous support of God’s people.
- The Kimball family support is at 87%.
- Faithful volunteers!
- Thirty-eight fleet vans serving missionaries.
- The Pit Crew volunteers were a tremendous help this summer in connecting with missionaries!

Prayer Requests

- Safety for those volunteering in the shop.
- Often, the fleet vans become “home” for missionaries. Pray their travel will be restful, safe and comfortable.
- Pray for the Harrison family currently utilizing a RR van, in the loss of Loren Harrison, husband and father.
- Maintenance can be pricey; pray we will be able to keep our maintenance costs to a minimum.
- The Kimball’s are still raising support. Pray they will be 100% supported.
- The shop is a busy place. We have a critical need for mechanics and car detailers.

38 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
115 missionary families are currently utilizing a van or are on schedule to utilize a RR van.
35 vans were driven a total of 217,294 miles in the 3rd quarter of 2011.
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The Dash Board

Traffic Report

To Follow And Go Beyond

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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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**DOES GOD CARE ABOUT GOODY BAGS?**

The BEST things about traveling...seeing new places, meeting new people, and eating exotic foods! The WORST things about traveling...packing for days, sitting in a cramped airplane seat for hours next to someone equally "excited" about sitting in a cramped airplane seat, and eating cheese and crackers for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

When our missionaries arrive in the U.S. on furlough, they are often exhausted from days of packing and traveling. Righteous Rides representatives meet them with a clean van, filled with gasoline and ready to go! When the weary travelers open the tailgate, they are greeted with goody bags full of personal care and snack items to welcome them home and say “thank you” for their service to the Lord.

Because our fleet of vans has steadily grown, it has become increasingly more difficult to keep up with the supply of “goodies” for the bags (we purchased over 100 toothbrushes within the last three months). We prayerfully decided to reach out to churches in our area to see if their members would be willing to minister with us by helping to provide some of the needed items, such as body wash, deodorant, shampoo, etc.

Before we could formally introduce this idea to local churches, God was already laying on the hearts of His people to help. We have been SO BLESSED by those who have already volunteered to collect items at their churches, as well as those who have stopped by the shop with donated supplies. God does care about goody bags! He is in the details of this ministry, down to the toothbrushes needed for each bag.

If your church would like to collect personal care and snack items for the missionaries, we’d love to talk to you. Please call Righteous Rides at (636) 366-9500, and partner with us in serving our missionaries!

“*I don’t know if you have ever lived abroad or served in a mission position before, but I really especially want to thank you for the amazing gift bags that were waiting for us in the car...we were just exhausted when we arrived in St. Louis. It was such a blessing to have toiletries and snacks and wonderful little surprises waiting for us. It was like Christmas!*” - Missionary Comment

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The final lap of the summer has officially ended and we’ve won the race of delivering vans to and picking up vans from missionaries. Having to connect with just over 40 missionary families could have been an overwhelming race had it not been for the Righteous Rides Pit Crew volunteers! We received the following note from one of our Pit Crew couples...

“We said goodbye to our first missionary family as they headed back to Germany with their daughter after a year in the States. Our family had hosted a foreign exchange student for a year and we had visited Germany, so it was especially nice to have our first Pit Crew assignment include a family that is ministering in Germany! A few months after delivering the van to them, we spent an entire day with them which included a visit to Fritz’s and the Science Center. It was such fun getting to know this missionary family; we were even able to e-mail them throughout the year. We also took a picture of Cevin in front of his van so we could begin to keep a visual record of all the families we serve as a Righteous Rides Pit Crew! We look forward to meeting our next missionary family, the Kuhn’s!” ~ Dave and Karren