The Dash Board

- 40 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 120+ missionary families are currently utilizing a van or are on schedule to utilize a RR van.
- 37 vans were driven a total of 269,473 miles in the 4th quarter of 2011.
- Over 2,190,254 MILES driven since inception.

The Filling Station

Praises

- The amazing support of God’s people in all aspects of this ministry!
- The Kimball family support is at 92%.
- Many vehicle donations.
- Forty fleet vans serving missionaries.
- It’s been a joy and privilege to take time to pray for many missionary families at our First Watch prayer time each month.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for good health and safety for those volunteering in the shop.
- 1 Peter 1:2b says “May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure”…pray this scripture for the missionaries who are currently utilizing a RR van.
- Our vehicle maintenance costs are down, continue to pray we can keep them to a minimum.
- Pray the Kimball family will reach the goal of being 100% supported.
- Pray for God will give wisdom and direction in decision making to the RR Board.

Righteous Rides Traffic Report

It’s going to be a fun year!

It is hard to believe that almost two years have passed since the Lord allowed Angie and me to join the Righteous Rides team as missionary staff members. Having spent most of the previous ten years overseas as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators, it has been a special blessing for us to remain here in the states and encourage missionary families with affordable and reliable transportation during their furloughs.

Without question, the highlight of each year has been the annual banquet in December. This year’s banquet was another huge boost. Just walking in the door, Christmas decorations, lights, and candles, placed an immediate focus on Christ and our ability to celebrate His coming. The 40 tables, each with a nativity centerpiece from a different country around the world, were a great reminder that the coming of Christ is celebrated in thousands of languages and cultures around the world. The furloughing missionaries we serve are making this Good News known to the many that have yet to hear.

As I looked around the room, I found myself in awe at the people I saw. I was humbled to see over 200 people who love and serve the Lord, joining together for an evening of sharing and celebration. Looking from table to table, I began to realize how many people were investing their time, energy, and resources into caring for the transportation need of so many furloughing missionaries. I recognized people from at least 12 different churches in the local area. Wow! What a joy to get a glimpse of the body of Christ working together to care for the Lord’s servants. How easy it is to get caught up in the day-to-day schedule and challenges and somehow lose sight of the bigger picture, the bigger team that the Lord is putting together to meet a real need.

It was a special blessing to hear from Mark and Mollie who serve with SEND International and are currently driving a Righteous Rides van.

God is certainly leading Righteous Rides and providing all that we need as we respond. Our theme this year is Faith for 50! We currently have 40 vans available to meet the transportation needs of furloughing missionaries. We anticipate that the Lord will increase that number to 50 at some point this year. That number stirs in each of us a need for great faith, but we clearly understand that it is not the amount or size of our faith that matters. We look fully to the object of our faith – to God, who is able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask for or imagine. It’s going to be a fun year!

~Paul Kimball

Donations from the banquet and other donations will allow us to purchase 3 additional vans. Total will be 42! PTL!
**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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**Friends of Righteous Rides**

Currently, every hour (24 hours per day, 365 days per year) Righteous Rides vans travel 100 miles. That’s 100 miles filled with opportunities for accidents or other travel hazards or hassles. Our desire is that the hectic pace of the ministry would not hinder us from dedicating time to praying for the travelling missionaries who face these challenges along with the many needs of the ministry. To that end, Righteous Rides has started a monthly prayer meeting called “First Watch”, which meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., CST. We ask the missionaries in the vans to provide us specific current praises or special requests that we as a group can lift up during each monthly meeting. We also pray about the other needs of the Righteous Rides ministry in general.

We meet at our facility at 41 Hampel Rd., in Moscow Mills and would like for you to come and pray with us! If you can't make it to the prayer meeting, but would still like to join us in prayer at that hour, let us know of your intention by emailing us at prayer@righteousrides.org and we will forward you a prayer list each month on the date of the meeting. The upcoming dates for these meetings are Feb 7, Mar 6, and April 3.

Come and join us!

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:3

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**Who’s that sportin’ a mustache at the Righteous Rides shop?** That’s our Saturday volunteer, Thomas, doing one of the many tasks that need to be done on any given day. This particular Saturday, Thomas took the time to clean the ashes and soot that had built up in the shop heater the previous winter. It was time to get it ready for the cold winter days to come. Low and behold when he was finished he was sportin’ a mustache!

Righteous Rides is an entirely volunteer ministry. Outside of the Director of Fleet Operations and his family (whom are full-time missionaries serving at Righteous Rides), the ministry work is performed by Christian men and women who understand what Righteous Rides is about and want to see missionaries served in this way.

There is always a need for more volunteers. Most of the volunteer opportunities are at the shop in Moscow Mills, MO (approximately 50 miles west of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport).

There is an immediate need for a full-time missionary mechanic to work in our shop servicing our fleet of late model Chrysler minivans, as well as repairing and preparing donated vehicles to sell in support of the ministry.

If you have a desire and a willingness to serve the Lord, Righteous Rides and missionaries, please send an email to info@righteousrides.org or call Bret at 636-358-9403.

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The past 3 weeks since arriving from Brazil we have driven several thousand miles to be with family and loved ones over the holidays. But, we couldn’t let too many miles pass behind us without expressing our deep gratitude for the ministry of Righteous Rides, which we are only now coming to fully understand and being blessed beyond our imaginations. We were greeted at STL by Lucky & Trudy Wagner, some very special servants of God and top-notch Pit Crew members, with whom we enjoyed a couple hours of wonderful fellowship and prayer before getting on the road. We are grateful to God and to all of you for the wonderful provision of a comfortable vehicle that has been so well-maintained and was more complete than anything we’ve ever driven on HMA (Home Ministry Assignment). And thank you so much your thoughtfulness right down to the minor details, like the gift bags full of snacks and useful products that were awaiting us in the van. May God richly bless the entire team that “gives wheels” to this ministry during 2012, and continue to use each of you as a unique channel of His love….we are so grateful to God for you!!

~Abraços, the VanBeverens

(Abracos is Brazilian for “hugs or regards”)