

### The Dash Board

- 45 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 140+ missionary families are currently utilizing a van or are on schedule to utilize a RR van.
- 38 vans drove a total of 256,922 miles in the 1st quarter of 2012.
- Over 2,447,176 miles driven since inception.



### The Filling Station Praises

- The recent donations of not only cars but boats and campers too.
- Fred and Pam Tuggy are joining the RR team, assisting in Portland, OR, and Moscow Mills, MO. (read about the Tuggys on the reverse side of this newsletter)
- With 45 vans currently in the RR fleet, we are half way to our Faith for Fifty project goal.
- We are amazed and thankful for the opportunity to minister to the heart of missionaries on a regular basis.

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for Fred and Pam Tuggy as they raise their support.
- The next few months will be extremely busy as we connect with 60+ missionary families. Pray that our work will be efficient and effective and that we will have His peace and strength.
- Summer brings more travel for missionary families. Pray for safety, minimal van maintenance, and contentment within these families as they travel.

# Righteous Rides Traffic Report



## *The Heart of Our Mission...*

It is becoming more and more apparent to us that not only can we provide the tangible need of transportation to missionaries, but we have a tremendous opportunity on a day-to-day basis to minister to their hearts! In February, four volunteers from the Righteous Rides team attended the mid-west conference on missionary care entitled "A Caregiver's Guide to the Missionary Heart". This conference brought the heart of a missionary into focus in our hearts and minds, causing us to see more clearly the opportunities we have to encourage, minister to, pray for and care for the hearts of missionaries.

It is important to remember that missionaries are real people with real needs and real feelings. At the conference, several of the workshops focused on the various stresses missionaries face. They struggle with relationships, have financial difficulties, need encouragement, deal with feelings of rootlessness, are tempted, and often, the responsibilities of ministry leave

them lacking in the area of personal care. These are just a few of the stresses shared in the workshops.

Despite the stresses and difficulties experienced, missionaries have wonderful God stories and cultural experiences, too; thus, we were reminded at the conference of the importance of providing them the opportunity to share, whether in a small group setting or as a part of a Sunday worship service.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, we received this message from an incoming missionary family...

..."our situation that we just found out yesterday is that my wife (Bev) discovered in a routine checkup, that she has a lump in her breast. The Dr's are urging us to get back to the states as soon as possible to begin procedures. We were scheduled to be back on the 24th of April - we are hoping now we can move that date up and get back somewhere around the 29th or 30th of March." ~Jerry

This situation would result in Righteous Rides needing to

release a van to Jerry and his family one month early. As the Lord would have it, we were able to do so, to which they responded, "The Lord is good!!!" We trust that just knowing the van was available to them allowed them to see the Lord at work in their urgent situation. We will continue to have an opportunity to minister to this family and other missionary families as we pray for them and seek to encourage their hearts.

May the heart of our mission at Righteous Rides always be to care for the missionary heart!



Please keep Jerry, Bev, and family in your prayers.

For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.  
Hebrews 6:10



### **Volunteers needed to assist with missionary care!**

Summer is *always* a busy time at the shop since the majority of missionaries head back to the states during this time. We will have 60+ missionary families coming and going this summer! Each family will need to connect with Righteous Rides to return or pick up a van.

A missionary was told recently "You can fly in anytime and one of our volunteers will meet you at the airport with the van." He responded... "Thank you for this great information. I am ... trying to line someone up to come to the airport to pick me up, now I do not need to. This is a great help."

Only half of the 60 families coming in have caregivers ready to assist them with the return or pick up of a van...

**We need more volunteers to assist missionaries with returning and picking up a van!**  
To take advantage of this opportunity, call 636-366-9500 or e-mail us at karen@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 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](mailto:Karen@righteousrides.org).



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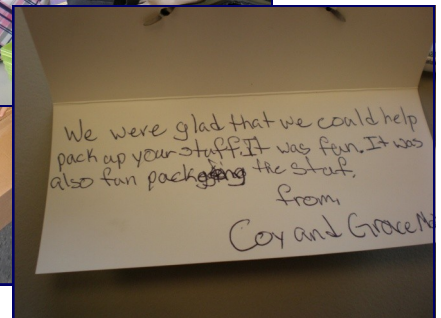
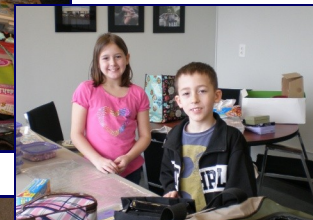
We are excited to announce the addition of Fred and Pam Tuggy as missionaries with Righteous Rides. Their past service in missions makes them a perfect fit for this ministry. Both

were raised as missionary kids; Fred in Venezuela and Pam in Mexico. They served with the Mexico Branch of Wycliffe Bible Translators for 36 years, Fred as an auto mechanic and Pam in audio recordings, child care, and housing administration. They raised three kids during that time and now have nine grandchildren.

Continuing his years of service in missions as an auto-mechanic, Fred Tuggy joins Righteous Rides, repairing vehicles both in the Portland, Oregon, and in Missouri at the Righteous Rides headquarters. Fred's primary goals include encouraging others in volunteer service and short-term missions, and overseeing the establishment of a Righteous Rides service station in the Northwest. The Tuggys recently relocated to Portland, where Fred is working to establish care for Pam, who suffers from a debilitating long-term illness. You can't be around Fred for more than a few minutes without realizing his love for the Lord and his desire to serve Him. **Please join us in welcoming Fred and Pam to Righteous Rides!** Pray for them as they transition to Portland. and work to raise their support.

## Sort it, pack it and ship it!

Recently we discovered that the Boyd family had returned their van and forgotten to unpack items in two of the stow-n-go compartments. These items would need to be shipped as soon as possible in order to reach the Boyd's before they returned to the field. We decided to call Sara, Grace and Coy for assistance. These volunteers worked most of the morning sorting, compacting and packing the items and then headed to the post office to ship it. What a unique way to serve missionaries!



Sara and her family also serve once a quarter processing the Righteous Rides newsletter for mailing.

*"...your labor in the Lord is not in vain!"*  
1 Cor 15:58b

## "Million Mile Mission" & "Faith for Fifty" Update

In October 2008 at the first Righteous Rides Banquet we announced the **"Million Mile Mission"**. The first part of this goal was to provide one million miles of transportation to missionaries since inception of the ministry. In August of 2010 this goal was met. The second part of this goal has been to provide one million miles of transportation to missionaries in one year. We have officially passed the one million miles per year rate! The vans normally average 24,000 miles in a quarter, but this quarter exceeded that average by 3,000 miles.

At our last banquet we shared the **"Faith for Fifty"** project; a goal to have 50 vans in the fleet by year end. We are grateful to the Lord for the additional vans we have been able to purchase. Van #45 was purchased this month! This has allowed us the opportunity to provide transportation to at least 15 additional missionary families!