



Last month, the annual Righteous Rides banquet took place at Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters, Missouri. We were so blessed and encouraged to have almost 200 people in attendance, including several currently cruising missionaries.

During the banquet, Mark Reighard shared our newest faith goal— 'On The Road to 100'. Our hope and prayer is that Righteous Rides will have 100 fleet vehicles on the road by the end of 2015.

Increasing the fleet to 100 vehicles will enable us to meet the transportation needs of a greater number of missionaries, many of them coming to the states unexpectedly. In the missionary world, life is often filled with a great deal of uncertainty, and we often meet with missionaries who are on furlough due to some sort of unforeseen circumstance— visa issues, illness, unrest in the area they are serving, etc. With over \$21,000 donated at the banquet, though, Righteous Rides was able to meet the immediate needs of two missionaries coming to the

states unexpectedly. The text below was taken from emails received by the Righteous Rides team, in which the missionaries explained the urgent need for transportation.

*"Thank you for your generous service to missionaries through providing transport. We have reserved a minivan from September 2014 - June 2015, however, our situation has changed due to conflict in our country of service, South Sudan. In December of last year, fighting broke out in the capital city and has since spread throughout the country, rippling out to our state as well. We have not been able to return to our field of service since we evacuated on December 23rd, and have been waiting it out here in Nairobi, Kenya. We are thinking about the idea of taking an early Home Assignment from May 2014 - January 2015, and we were wondering how this might affect our reservation for a minivan with righteous rides. So sorry that we have changed schedules on you, but the civil war in South Sudan has really thrown our whole team out a bit and we had to change our schedule to come back there and see if things settle down through the rest of the year."*

*"We hope that this email finds you and Righteous Rides doing great over there in America. We are writing to inquire into the possibility of renting another van for an upcoming trip to America. We recently found out that we are expecting our fourth child. This will be another high-risk pregnancy, and we have decided to come back to America for the birth. Our trip will be focused on the birth, some more support raising, as well as development of our great commission business in Asia. We will be coming back in early May 2014, and would need a vehicle from May through December 2014. Would we be able to rent a van from Righteous Rides during this time frame?"*

It is increasingly evident that we serve a supremely providential God, who knows every need, holds every resource, and orchestrates the merger of the two at exactly the right time. Our prayer at Righteous Rides has always been that we continue to follow the plan God has laid out for this ministry- neither running ahead of, nor lagging behind Him. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, and do everything we are capable of to serve in the way He has called, amazing things begin to happen. The key, you see, is knowing that no matter how big, elaborate, and complex our plans may seem, God has so much more in store. Isaiah 55:8-9 speaks of this- "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

## **The Dash Board**

- 69 vehicles are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 175 families are utilizing, or are on schedule to utilize a Righteous Rides vehicle— including a reservation in 2017!
- 60 vehicles drove over 300,000 miles during the 1st Quarter of 2014.
- Over 5.1 million miles driven since inception!

## Prayer Requests

- Time management as we prepare for the upcoming summer season. We will be connecting with over 100 missionary families.
- Supplies for the missionary goody bags.
- The health of volunteers and their families.
- His grace and wisdom as the ministry continues to grow.
- Continued unity and grace as our volunteers work together on a daily basis.
- The continued need for additional vehicle donations.

## Praises

- We were abundantly blessed at this year's banquet! Blessed by words spoken, reports given, fellowship, and generous financial donations!
- Safety for 60+ vehicles that traveled safely through snow and ice this winter.
- The relocation of Fred and Pam Tuggy from Portland, OR to Moscow Mills, MO to work as full-time missionaries with Righteous Rides.
- Our partnership with Enterprise, which allows us to get our missionary friends to and from the St. Louis airport at a reasonable price.
- Praise the Lord for extra help in the office as Bekah serves with us temporarily, and Karen Sue serves remotely from Kansas City.

## Goody Bag Ministry Needs Your Help!

Righteous Rides will be sending approximately 55 missionary families out in a car/van this summer, and the Goody Bag Department could use your help! Please read the Top 20 List below for items Righteous Rides could use for the many family and children's bags that will be filled this summer. Additionally, if you, your family, church or organization would like to do a special project to help with the goody bag ministry, the following are ways in which you could do just that:

- collecting small items for teen bags
- sewing cloth goody bags/small travel throws
- purchasing fast-food/departement store gift cards
- "field trip" to Righteous Rides to pack goody bags
- Vacation Bible School missions project
- church collection bins for regular sized personal care items

## Top Twenty Goody Bag Needs (Regular Sized Items)

Deodorant (Male and Female)  
Shower Gel  
Soap  
Shave Cream  
Disposable Razors  
Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets  
Tissues  
Band-Aids  
Hair Conditioner  
Lotion

Crossword Puzzles/Sudoku Books  
Coloring Books/Crayons/Markers  
Reusable Water Bottles  
Flip Flops (Child/Teen Size)  
Potato Chips/Pretzels  
Bottled Water  
Granola Bars  
Fruit Snacks  
Peanut Butter  
Inexpensive Travel-Size Blankets

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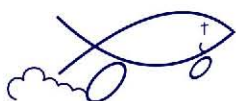
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### Accelerating the Gospel

**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.

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