

2014 RIGHTEOUS RIDES CHRISTMAS REPORT

A Cheerful Giver



Vehicle donations have decreased in 2014, leaving our "Front Line" (where we sell donated vehicles) with quite a few open spots.

The fees missionaries pay to use a Righteous Rides van typically cover around half of the actual operational cost of the van. That being said, how does Righteous Rides make up for the other half? Additional funds come from generous donors, as well as the sale of donated vehicles.

When a vehicle is donated to Righteous Rides, volunteer mechanics perform a 27-point inspection, complete the necessary repairs, detail the interior and exterior, and then list the vehicle for sale. Once the vehicle is sold, the donor is given a receipt for his/her tax-deductible donation, and the proceeds from the sale are then placed in our van purchase fund. On average, proceeds from the sale of three donated vehicles will allow Righteous Rides to purchase one van to be used by furloughing missionaries.

Deuteronomy 16:17 says, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which he has given you." We would ask you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give. Whether it is the donation of a vehicle, finances, time, or prayer, 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

As this ministry continues to grow, our hope and prayer is that we will neither run ahead of nor lag behind the Lord in His planning. Last year, we set a goal to have a fleet of 100 vehicles providing transportation to missionaries by the end of 2015. We truly covet your prayers as we are still "On The Road to 100", and currently have 73 vehicles. James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working," and 1 John 5:15 provides assurance that our prayers, when Christ-focused, do not fall on deaf ears: "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us." We have the utmost confidence that if we will simply submit ourselves to the Lord's plan for this ministry, He will be glorified.

Please use the enclosed envelope if you would like to make a year-end donation to support Righteous Rides as we continue "On The Road to 100". If you are interested in volunteering or donating a vehicle, please contact us at 636-366-9500 or info@righteousrides.org.

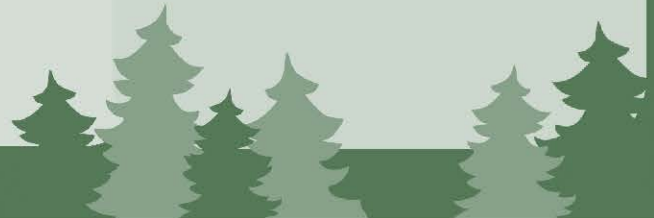


Prayer Requests

- Safety for the many missionary families traveling across the country in Righteous Rides vehicles.
- Year-end giving and vehicle donations as we continue down the Road to 100!
- Safety for those working in the shop.
- His strength, joy, and peace for missionary families.
- Sensitivity to the community members with whom we come into contact at the shop. That we might boldly and lovingly encourage them as we share the Good News.
- Wisdom for the Board as they plan to meet soon after the first of the year

Praises

- Time spent with missionary families as they've come through the shop.
- His provision for missionaries requesting transportation at the last minute!
- Volunteers! Righteous Rides IS a volunteer ministry, and we appreciate so much the commitment from those walking alongside us in our pursuit of missionary care.
- The encouragement from churches with whom Righteous Rides has had the privilege of connecting.



For Where Two or Three are Gathered...



The Righteous Rides lobby– before (L) and after (R).

As we continue in our pursuit of providing reliable transportation for furloughing missionaries, our hope and prayer is that every person who walks through the doors of Righteous Rides would immediately feel loved and encouraged– whether that person is a missionary picking up or returning their van, or someone from the general public looking to purchase a donated vehicle.

One way we have accomplished this is by giving our lobby a facelift. In creating a warm and welcoming entrance, the lobby is, essentially, the most important spot in the facility. It is in this area that we pray with missionaries when they pick up and return their van. It is in this area that we interact with the general public, giving them their first taste of what our ministry looks like.

Having functioned as a service write-up area when the building was occupied by a dealership, the lobby was not very welcoming. Thanks to a volunteer-built (and recently carpeted) staircase, a fresh coat of paint, the inspired Word of God, and a mission-focused slideshow, our new “lobby” is one step closer to being the warm reception area we hoped it would be.

For some, a lobby is just a waiting area. The Righteous Rides lobby, however, is about much more than that. Matthew 18:20 talks about what happens when people gather in the name of Christ: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” The desire for this ministry is that we would gather in the name of Christ, allowing Him to fully display His glory!



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Did You Know?

- ~ Righteous Rides has served over 300 missionary families.
- ~ There are currently 150 missionary families scheduled to receive a Righteous Rides vehicle.
- ~ Righteous Rides often takes vehicle reservations years in advance– with the furthest reservation being in July of 2017.
- ~ There are currently 73 vehicles in the Righteous Rides fleet– 54 (2001-2007) Chrysler minivans, 15 (2013-2014) Dodge Grand Caravans, and 4 (2013) Dodge Darts.
- ~ Righteous Rides missionaries have driven over 6 million miles since inception.

You're Invited to Attend the

2015 Righteous Rides Banquet

Saturday, February 28th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Old Hickory Golf Club, #1 Dyc Club Drive, St. Peters, Missouri

