

# SEATTLE SERVES



Travel weary missionaries in Seattle, thrilled at how much their Righteous Rides van will hold

Volunteers at our hubs provide tremendous support for missionaries who have been navigating airports with huge amounts of luggage.



Mike and Bryn Shoffstall, SEA Hub coordinators

## CONNECTING WITH MISSIONARIES

By: Dannie Smith, interviewing the Shoffstalls

### How did you get involved with Righteous Rides?

Mike had worked with Co-founder Mark Reighard during his time at Boeing and learned of the ministry through him. In 2019, Co-founder Bret Byus met with a few of us in the Seattle area who had worked with Mark. Having recently become empty nesters, the timing was right for us to take on a new ministry. We started volunteering just after the first of the year in 2020, taking over from the Baertschys.

### How have you seen the Lord work in your lives and the lives of missionaries you have served through Righteous Rides?

It's nice to have a tangible connection with missionaries when meeting them for a van release or van return. As we prepare the vehicles and goody bags, we use that time to pray for them. Prior to meeting them, we review their information and try to discern what will best meet their needs and reduce stress at the hand-off point. We've seen answered prayer with a quick turnaround when one family drops off a van only days before a new family picks it up. God certainly brought all the details together just in time.

When we hand off the vehicle, we close the time by asking for prayer requests and praying for them. This is a great chance to love on them a bit and let them know we care. We've had opportunities at vehicle returns to ask about the missionaries' initial prayer requests. Seeing how God has answered is encouraging to all. We've also enjoyed serving the missionaries during their leases by providing parking and drop-off services when they need to fly somewhere. In fact, we've even had opportunity to host them overnight for early and late flights. We've made new international friends through these encounters!

**The Seattle Hub has been a part of Righteous Rides since 2014. Though they only received about 4% of the van requests for 2020, their vans were seldom sitting idle. The 3 vans which reside in the SEA Hub are totally booked through September 2021!**