

# A DESIRE TO SERVE



Mechanics Fred Tuggy and Chuck Hlavaty rebuild a catalytic converter

## TUGGY RETIRES FROM RIGHTEOUS RIDES

Ten years ago the Lord directed the steps of Fred Tuggy to cross paths with Mark Reighard, co-founder of Righteous Rides. Mark learned that Fred and his wife, Pam, both raised as missionary kids, had served with the Mexico Branch of Wycliffe Bible Translators for 36 years, Fred as an auto mechanic and Pam in audio recordings. Wanting to continue his service to missionaries as a mechanic, Fred joined Righteous Rides to assist in repairing vehicles.

In his early years with RR, we staff members might get an email in our inboxes asking, "who's picking Fred up at the airport?", as he would fly in on a temporary basis to assist in the shop. Later, Fred and Pam raised their own support to serve with Righteous Rides as full-time missionaries, and God provided a beautiful home for them in Troy, Missouri.

One can't be around Fred and Pam for more than a few minutes without realizing their love for the Lord and their desire to serve Him. We saw the Lord directing Fred's steps to serve as "Chief Mechanic" in the Righteous Rides shop and Pam to assist with preparation for special events and faithfully pray for the ministry and the missionaries we serve.

When Righteous Rides moved to a former car dealership, we inherited their large neon "Service" sign. Fred suggested that we remove the "i" and "c" to create a sign that says "Serve". It's a great reminder to staff, volunteers, interns, and missionaries that we are all here to serve.

As a ministry, we've learned the two greatest needs of most furloughing missionaries are housing and transportation. Over the past 14 years our fleet has grown from one van to 155+ vans. We now have 11 hubs nationwide to enable regional release of vans. Fred has had his hands on nearly every van in the fleet and has been key in keeping the fleet running safely over 28 million miles.

Matthias, a student at Indiana State U., said, "My summer internship at Righteous Rides was the best summer I have ever had. It was truly inspiring to see Fred and the others working hard, and doing it willingly because they love God and want to serve." It's clear that Fred is a gifted teacher who enjoyed having the interns in the shop. As Pam says, "it gives Tug a ministry in their lives."

"A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps." Proverbs 16:9

Fred and Pam have been seeking God's guidance regarding when, where, and how they would retire. As the Lord would have it, they've officially retired as of October 1st. However, we still see Fred in the shop, refreshing the grease under his fingernails as he completes a few transitions before they move to Oregon. We are very thankful for those of you who have shared financially, encouraged, and prayed faithfully for Fred and Pam in their work with the Righteous Rides ministry.

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!**



"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."  
1 Corinthians 15:58