

I Will Make You Fishers of Men by Shawn Ohlms



As Christians, it is essential to never doubt the impact experiences, people, and objects can have on furthering the gospel. Whether it is a life-altering experience, or a simple window decal, there are no limitations to what our Heavenly Father can use for His purpose. What a joy to receive the following note from a missionary who used a Righteous Rides van during their furlough a few years ago.

“Our family was blessed to have a Righteous Rides vehicle while on furlough in 2009-2010. One of our partnership development trips took our family through New Mexico, and one day we needed to stop at a grocery store; even missionaries need to eat. While my wife and son went in to buy our supplies, I stayed in the van with the windows down and was reading. I had noticed a lady and a couple of small children getting out of a vehicle next to ours and going into the store. A short time later, I noticed they were back at their car and unawares to me the lady came up to our car and asked what the fish symbol on the window with the words Righteous Rides was all about and what it meant.

I shared with her that Righteous Rides was a mission organization devoted to providing missionaries on furlough with vehicles and that the fishers of men symbol was part of their logo. The lady then shared with me that she was a Christian and she and her husband supported different missionaries but had come on some hard times. However, they were looking forward in the near future to again being able to support missionaries.

She asked if I had a card or an address so that when they were able, they could possibly help us in the future. What missionary doesn't have a prayer card at their fingertips at any moment while on furlough for some interested saint asking about their calling and ministry? I pulled a prayer card out of my Bible and handed it to her while thanking her for asking about our ministry.

Three months later, we received a copy of all the people who had given money to our ministry that month, and this lady and her husband's names were on there. It is now about two years later and their names still appear on our list just about every month.

Thank you Righteous Rides for helping us not only with a vehicle, but also helping us raise our financial support to do our ministry. God bless you and thank you for answering God's call to help us; it does take all of us to give God's Word to the Bible-less people groups of this lost and dying world.”

We are called to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19). How do we do that? The answer is simple— we make disciples by becoming *fishers of men*. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew to be two of the 12 most important people in Biblical history, He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). It is clear in Scripture that the disciples did not respond by saying, “Okay, I'll be right there Jesus. Let me put my net away, get cleaned up, and I'll be on my way.” Matthew 4:20 says, “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” There was no hesitation. We must be willing to drop what we are doing, stop making excuses, and focus on living the life Christ has called us to live. If a simple window decal can have such a large impact in furthering the Gospel, imagine what a person living a Christ-centered life can accomplish.

SAVE THE DATE

*for the 5th Annual
Righteous Rides Banquet
to be held*

February 23, 2013

Location and time: TBA



The Dash Board

- 51 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 155+ families are utilizing a van or are on schedule to utilize a Righteous Rides van.
- 49 vans drove a total of 304,340 miles in the 3rd quarter of 2012.
- Over 3,026,868 miles driven since inception.



The Salvation Army's car donation program has played a large role in supporting Righteous Rides, as we facilitate refurbishing many of their vehicle donations. Recently, we obtained a Salvation Army Donation Drop-Box, which means we are now able to accept donations on their behalf.

Even the smallest of donations can have a major impact, as every donation plays an essential role in funding the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in St. Louis. The Center provides spiritual, social, and emotional assistance for men who have lost the ability to cope with their problems and provide for themselves.

For pick-up of furniture and large items, please call 314-535-0057, and for additional information about The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, please visit <http://www.satruck.org/rehabilitation-program>.



In 2009, Richard and Jennifer, missionaries to Europe, used a Righteous Rides van. They were so pleased with the program that they booked another van for their current furlough. Richard conveyed his excitement about the ministry to Dannie Smith, from The First Baptist Church of Thomaston, Georgia. He

suggested that their church start a hub to make it easier for missionaries flying into Atlanta, one of the busiest airports in the United States.

It didn't take long for the rest of the church to embrace the idea and within a couple months, the church mailed Righteous Rides a check to purchase the first Atlanta van. On October 28th, members of the team delivered the van to Thomaston and turned over the keys during the Sunday worship service. It will be exciting to see how God will grow the fleet in this part of the country.



Volunteers needed to assist with vehicle/facility care!

When presenting families with a Righteous Rides van, we strive to make the experience as enjoyable as possible. This means providing them with a vehicle that is in excellent mechanical condition, as well as being exceptionally clean. In trying to accomplish this, we have recognized the need for more volunteers.

We need more volunteers to assist with mechanic work, Pit Crews, vehicle cleaning, and the cleaning of the Righteous Rides facility!

To help us pay forward the blessings God has provided, call 636-366-9500 or e-mail us at info@righteousrides.org.

Prayer Requests

- Fred and Pam Tuggy as they continue to raise their support.
- Health and fundraising issues, which many of the missionaries face.
- That the missionary families will be able to rest and re-charge while in the U.S. on furlough.
- God's enduring provision for volunteer assistance as the ministry continues to grow.

Praises

- The continued support of many volunteers who serve every week!
- Our *Faith for Fifty* goal has been met! We now have 51 vans.
- For our new Atlanta hub and those in Thomaston, Georgia who will be facilitating operations there.
- We recently received a van donation from one of our Righteous Rides supporters.
- Funds raised by a local church enabling Righteous Rides to purchase van #50.

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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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