

2013 RIGHTEOUS RIDES CHRISTMAS REPORT

If These Vans Could Speak

The following story was written by Angie Kimball— wife of Righteous Rides Fleet Director Paul Kimball:

What language am I hearing now? Mostly English, but there are other words mixed in sometimes that I don't understand. But the laughter I understand! I always hear sounds of delight when the new missionary family finds their "goody bags" full of useful items and treats. It sure seems funny that they get excited over things like bags of chips and shaving razors!

Sometimes, at first, I get stomped on to the left of the brake, and then I hear laughter and comments about a clutch that isn't there. A couple of times, my driver headed me down the wrong side of the road, but not for long. Usually I'm stuffed with luggage in the back – those missionaries can sure pack me full!

The short people tend to have sticky fingers and drop lots of crumbs, but I love their giggles when the parents put a kids movie in my DVD player. And then the parents always give a sigh, I guess of relief, when everyone has snacks and entertainment.

Tired voices discuss the amazing green grass or incredible cold, depending on the season. I tense up a bit when I see we're driving into the parking lot of the big convenience store. Sometimes after this first visit, I get one box of cereal thrown in the back and hear tearful voices wondering about the overwhelming choices and abundance. After a while, though, I get lots of practice carrying full bags from thrift stores and other places.

I love getting to travel all over America, seeing all the beautiful scenery and hearing lots of happy voices saying, "Hello! We missed you so much!" And of course, I get to show off a little bit as well, when everyone takes a look at me and says what a great provision from the Lord I am. I agree!

The many miles I get to travel means that I drive in rain, snow, wind, and also that good, hot sun! Sometimes the stormy days make me feel a bit nervous, but my drivers sure do their best to take care of their families, and of me!

My favorite times are on long road trips, when I get to hear conversations about meaningful visits with friends, families, and churches, and stories of how God is providing. The conversations about financial needs, doubts about the future, or family problems aren't so cheery, but then I often get to hear a conversation with their Good Shepherd. And there is never a greater sense of peace within these doors than in those moments.

Many people welcome them back home, but I also hear about how much they miss people "back home" and wonder how their brothers and sisters there are doing. It sure seems that missionaries have hearts that are home in more than one place. It's an honor to be a sort of "home on wheels" for them during their time in America. Who knew that a van like me could serve God's servants?!

One of the best ways we can serve God's servants is to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17). Additionally, we can use our talents and resources to spread the Good News. If you feel led to support Righteous Rides in its mission of serving God's servants, please use the enclosed envelope to respond. What we truly desire is prayer that we would keep pace with God's vision for our ministry— that we would neither run ahead of, nor lag behind His plan.



Praises

- Volunteers from West-Plex Community Church and Edgemont Bible Church who helped out at the shop on two separate Saturdays!
- Opportunities to share Christ's love with various vendors this Christmas Season.
- In 2014 alone, vehicles will be provided to 75 new families not currently utilizing Righteous Rides transportation.
- The opportunity to pray for our missionary friends corporately every 1st Tuesday of the month at the Righteous Rides *First Watch* prayer time.
- Our tax-free non-profit status! This helps us provide *cost-effective* transportation to missionaries!

Prayer Requests

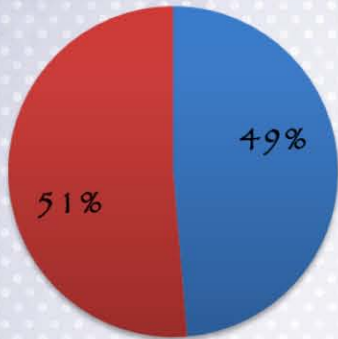
- Year-end giving and vehicle donations to help us catch up to where we were financially before the building purchase.
- That God would protect the health of our volunteers.
- Continue to pray for safe travels for our *currently cruising* missionaries during this season of inclement weather.
- For the opportunity to share/present the ministry of Righteous Rides in churches in 2014.
- Wisdom for the Board as they plan to meet soon after the first of the year.



Where Does My Donation Go?

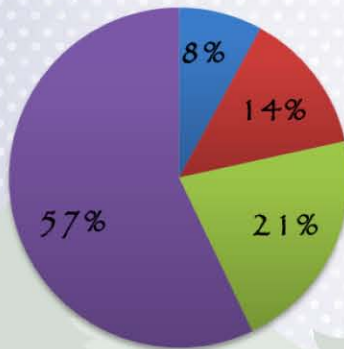
When making a tax-deductible donation to Righteous Rides, you may wonder where exactly your money is going. The charts below display, simply and concisely, the sources and uses of funds during the 2013 fiscal year.

Total Income



- Contributed Support (Financial Donations and RR Donated Vehicle Sales)
- Income (Salvation Army Donated Vehicle Sales, Missionary Vehicle Program Fees, Rent)

Total Expenses



- Vehicle Sales Expense
- Administrative/Salaries
- Facility
- Missionary Vehicles, Vehicle Maintenance, etc.

Did You Know?

- ~ Righteous Rides has served over 285 missionary families.
- ~ Those 285 families represent more than 60 different countries.
- ~ There are currently 101 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 67 vehicles in the Righteous Rides fleet— 58 (2001-2007) Chrysler minivans, 5 (2013) Dodge Grand Caravans, and 4 (2013) Dodge Darts.
- ~ Righteous Rides missionaries have driven nearly 5 million miles since inception.

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