

The Heart Of Our Hubs ♥

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Hello everyone!

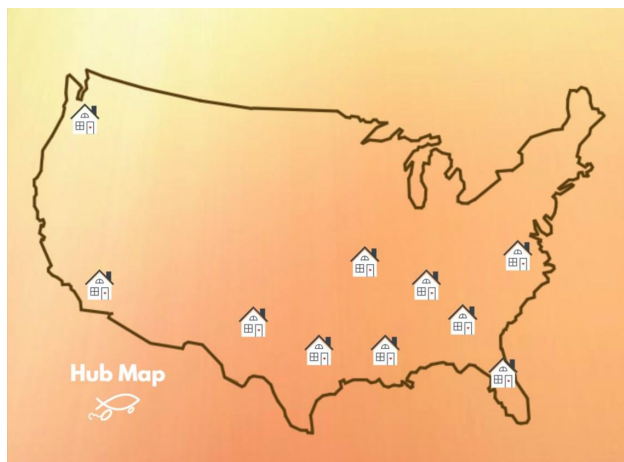
This is a special piece that I wrote up to give you a glimpse into the heart of our hubs.

Over these past few weeks I have had the pleasure of speaking with each of the Righteous Rides hub coordinators, and I am so excited to be able to share a piece of our conversations with you. God has brought amazing men and women together to make this ministry possible.

You may notice some common themes as you scroll down. All of the hubs asked for prayer for more volunteers, more vans, and the ability to serve more missionaries! The hubs are spread far apart, but are united in spirit.

Let's continue to pray for all the hubs, and especially that God continues to bring in volunteers.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this Sway! We appreciate your investment in the Righteous Rides ministry.



Meet The Texas Hub

Dave and Sylvia Ramaly serving as Dallas Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Dallas Hub?

Our main prayer request is to be able to find another couple, from another church, to partner with us in running our hub. We are praying we can branch out to somebody else in the Longview area.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

The opportunity to serve missionaries is such a privilege. We may not be on the front-lines like they are, but we are behind them serving in this way. You meet these missionaries and some of them it's an instant friendship, and you really connect with them.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Dallas hub?

We want to solidify our volunteers and get them more involved in the returns and releases.

How would you describe the Dallas hub in just a few words?

Going the extra mile to make getting the van easy, convenient, and hassle free.



Meet The Louisiana Hub

Tina and Bret Byus serving as New Orleans Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Louisiana Hub?

We are growing and we want to work more efficiently in utilizing our team.

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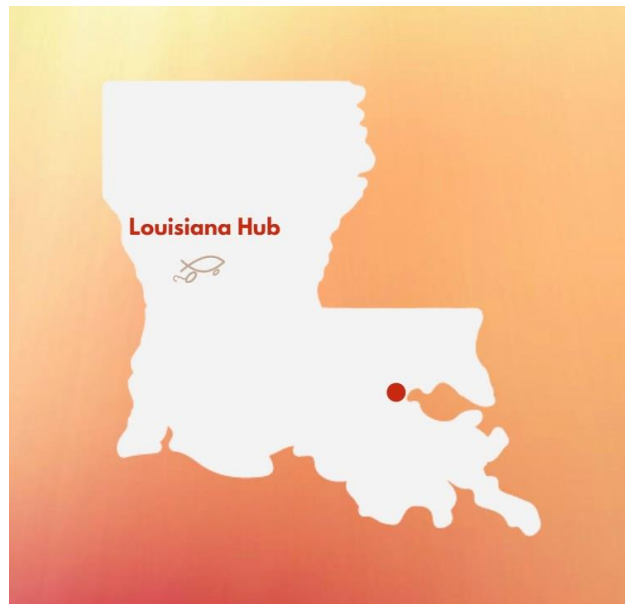
Anybody, *anybody*, with a heart for missions can do what we are doing. You can sit in Truesdale, Missouri, population 600, and you can impact 280 missionary families a year across the globe. That's kind of incredible when you think about it.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Louisiana hub?

We would like to close out this year with 10 vans. We would also like to train our hub team of 10 volunteer families.

How would you describe the Louisiana hub in just a few words?

Growing.



Meet The Tennessee Hub

Marty and Randa Thompson with Mitzi and Larry Bodie serving as Knoxville Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Tennessee Hub?

Our biggest request would be maintaining contact with our missionaries while they are driving. Also to be sensitive and caring to the missionaries as we come in contact with them.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

The Righteous Rides part of the ministry really helps us to connect with missionaries. It's a unique part of who we are and what we do.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Tennessee hub?

Goal for transportation: Add 3 new vans.

Goal for volunteers: We would like 10-12 active volunteers.

How would you describe the Tennessee hub in just a few words?

Southern hospitality.



Meet The Georgia Hub

Dannie and Vicki Smith serving as Atlanta Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Georgia Hub?

Pray for us to always be sensitive to the needs of the missionaries that we serve. and for more volunteers.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

It is an honor to serve missionaries... and it's a lot of fun! Getting goody bags together, meeting the missionaries and their children, and cleaning the vans are all amazing parts of the ministry.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Georgia hub?

To increase our volunteers and to find some corporate sponsorship and financial support.

How would you describe the Georgia hub in just a few words?

Carrying luggage.



Meet The Pennsylvania Hub

Bruce and Sue Mitchell serving as Philadelphia Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Pennsylvania Hub?

We are praying that we get some people in the area that help us.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

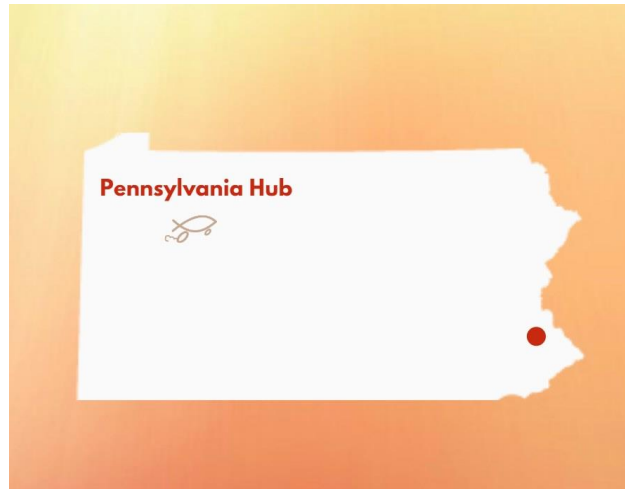
We get to meet a lot of people who serve in different areas all over the world. Hearing about how they're serving the Lord is neat.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Pennsylvania hub?

We are hoping to raise money to get a 6th van (either in 2019 or 2020). A lot of missionaries want to use our hub but we don't have the vans.

How would you describe the Pennsylvania hub in just a few words?

Interconnected and flexible.



Meet The New Mexico Hub

Tom and Angela Coletta serving as Albuquerque Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the New Mexico Hub?

Prayers for God to guide us as we stay busy.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

It is a privilege to be part of a real special organization and to have contact with the missionaries. We are delighted to do it.

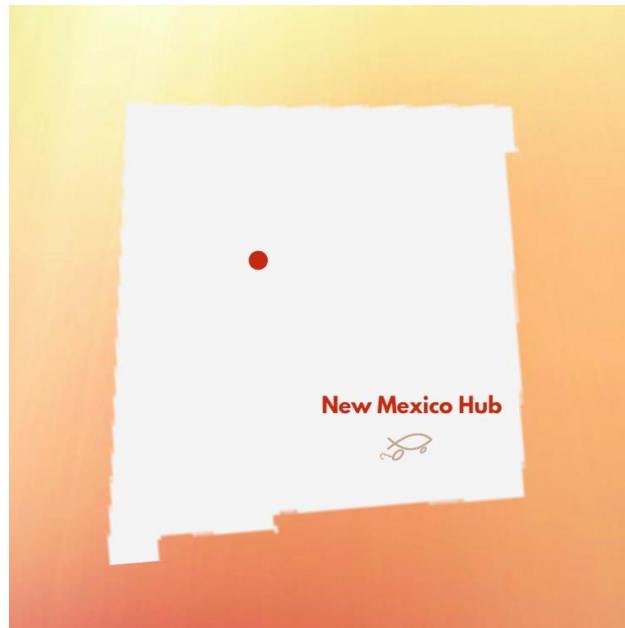
What's a goal for 2019 for the New Mexico hub?

We want to be able to serve the missionaries the best possible way.

The Lord already provided for our other request: we added another van!

How would you describe the New Mexico hub in just a few words?

We are in the middle of the desert, so we want to be that little oasis for the missionary.



Meet The Washington Hub

Dave and Donna Baertschy serving as Seattle Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Seattle Hub?

That churches close to the hub would be willing to participate and support us.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

We enjoy meeting missionary families and learning about what they do. We also greatly enjoy putting together the goody bags, especially the ones for the kids. We love their reactions when they receive the bags.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Seattle hub?

Expanding our local support base.

How would you describe the Seattle hub in just a few words?

Foothills of the mountains.



Meet The Florida Hub

Chrissie and Kenney Wallingford serving as Orlando/Tampa Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Florida Hub?

To be honoring and glorifying to God with the resources he's given us.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

We really like meeting the missionaries and being a blessing to them.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Florida hub?

Our ultimate goal is to have 10 vans in the Orlando hub.

How would you describe the Florida hub in just a few words?

Open hearts and hands.



Meet The Missouri Hub

Mark Reighard and Ron Rearick serving as St. Louis Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the Missouri Hub?

Prayer for more staff and volunteers.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

The St. Louis hub is special because we see so many missionaries, and we get to interact with so many of them. We get to see missionaries every single day.

What's a goal for 2019 for the Missouri hub?

We want to find someone to eventually take over the Chief Mechanic position, and we would like to acquire more vans.

How would you describe the Missouri hub in just a few words?

Quick, quirky, and colorful.



Meet The California Hub

Nancy and Doug Sorensen serving as Los Angeles Hub Coordinators.

Do you have any prayer requests for the California Hub?

Prayer for discipline and timeliness in handling the ministry of Righteous Rides.

What would you like readers to know about being a hub?

Watching God work through the love and support we've received from peers. People are so excited for the ministry in my husband's Sunday school class. They're encouraging, supportive, and they want to help. We've already been donated our second vehicle!

What's a goal for 2019 for the California hub?

We would love to see a third van, and an active group of supporters.

How would you describe the California hub in just a few words?

Loving on missionaries. Thoughtful care and personal touches through prayer, gift bags, and conversation.

