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Merry CHRISTmas!

DQ's Hospitalized 3rd time in 6 Years!

The doctor said it would be a simple 1 hour operation. He would make a 3-4" incision, reconnect the bowels that had been routed to the colostomy bag 2 years earlier and stitch him back up. DQ would be in the hospital 2-3 days. We had actually given up on the idea that the operation could be performed as last year we were told that it could not be reversed. But the 'new' doctor at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD was the same doctor who had removed DQ's colon two years prior. He was so sure of himself. Still, we know that all operations do carry risks.

The September 16th surgery did not go as planned from the start. Due to an overgrowth of scar tissue, the incision was made from sternum to 5" below his belly button. The operation took 3 1/2 hours and the hospital stay was a week long. Still, we were thankful that it was done

and things were normal again. We were only home 5 days, when things went downhill.

DQ's body did not adjust quick enough and he became badly dehydrated. We headed back to the VA on Tuesday stopping at a local hospital to have a catheter inserted. The VA doctor took one look at DQ and hospitalized him. He was so dehydrated that all his electrolytes were low. By Friday, a CT Scan revealed that he had infection in the newly attached area. Three specialists were called in and while discussion was going on, DQ had a heart incident. He was rushed to ICU. A long night was spent praying that it was not a heart attack and God protected him from that. By Saturday, Beth was told, "We have to get the infection under control or do surgery again. To do surgery is very, very risky." More prayers brought a new treatment plan

and within 36 hours, DQ had turned the corner. He was out of immediate danger. His magnesium, potassium and sodium levels continued to fluctuate so IV's were given and even 2 units of blood. The stress on his body caused tachycardia or a fast heart rate. We ask for your prayers that this will eventually return to normal.

He then spent a week in ICU and another week in the step down ward. It was here that the ministry really began. After watching us deal with the stress for 2+ weeks, the nurses, aids, janitor, and others, began coming in to 'visit' with us. DQ found himself encouraging a man who had just suffered a bitter 3 year divorce after 40 years of marriage. Another day, a nurse shared pictures of her children and ask for prayers for

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Return Service Requested

Mission Services
2004 E. Magnolia Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37917

Partners Needed

On September 29, 2010, DQ and Beth completed 19 years of ministry. We have been so incredibly blessed to be able to chase God and the vision He gave us for this many years. As we enter our 20th year of ministry, we do so with a plea for help. Over the last couple of years, we have had several long-time supporters go home to the Lord. We have also had several churches that supported us close their doors. On top of this, DQ's illnesses have left us unable to speak at as many functions as we did in the early years of ministry. Due to these factors, we have seen a decrease in our support of about \$35,000 per year.

To compensate for this, we have trimmed as much as we can off the budget. We will also no longer be driving the RV cross country. We will leave it on the East Coast and fly back home for the summer months. This will save on the wear and tear of the RV as well as on DQ and Beth. It will also save money.

We had hoped to be able to replace the RV with a longer lasting bus but this seems to not have come together. By adjusting the plan as explained above, we believe it to be a better use of God's money and easier on us. (We are not as young as we were 20 years ago!) The RV is almost paid for- we owe approximately \$7,500. This payoff will put \$550 a month back into the ministry!

The help we need is on the way from

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God. We know it. How can you be a part of this help? Pray and ask God. We have never

been into fundraising. We have always felt that was God's job. We have always made our needs known, as now, and then leave the rest to God.

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individuals come along beside us and support us on a regular basis. We will gladly share our budgets and financial reports. We are more than blessed to be able to come share the ministry God is doing with and through us with your congregation, small group or gathering. We know that God is still directing us to the highways and byways to share Jesus with people and as He directs, He will enable and provide. We are faithful and we know that He is more than faithful as well. Please pray about how you can be a part of this ministry. Pray also, that those who God has chosen to help us will be faithful and that God's blessing will follow their faithfulness. One thing we have learned in 20 years of ministry is that you can never out give God! (But it is sure fun to try.) May we all live without fear, trusting God more fully. "Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Can you help CRM?

Mission Groups Needed



For 5 years, we have labored with the help of many mission groups on remodeling the building that will house the CRM Outreach Center. Upon completion, it will include a coffeehouse, teen center and offices. We have come a long way on the once-almost-condemned building. If we can schedule 2 groups in early 2011, we should be able to open! Everyone in town is ready to have this faith-based center.

The building needs the following to complete it. The upstairs that will house

the Teen Center needs flooring and decorating. The downstairs coffeehouse needs booths, lighting, counter and decorating. The offices need a bit more. We have some of the funds to complete this and know God will provide as we need. Pictures can be viewed at www.christianriders.org/pictures

We would love to be able to open the Center on June 17 which will coincide

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Jesus Christ Ambassadors Motorcycle Ministry

Several years ago, we began working with local churches that had motorcyclists within their body to unite. Jesus Christ Ambassadors Motorcycle Ministry, (JCAMM) is designed as a small groups ministry that encourages fellowship, discipleship and outreach from the local body. We now have chapters in North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

JCamm has many strengths. One of these is that while each chapter has local autonomy, the groups can pull from CRM's knowledge and experience. Each chapter functions within the church. The objectives are to strengthen the motorcyclists within the group and then move to outreach. This is different from the objectives of CRM where

outreach is our central focus. Another important detail is that like CRM, JCamm holds to its New Testament Christianity roots. We hold out the complete Gospel, making disciples, baptizing and continuing to teach all that the Lord has commanded us to do.

DQ and Beth remain available and accessible to the Body of Christ whether to help set up a JCamm Chapter or to help the chapter achieve its goals. We look forward to helping set up some new chapters in the coming year. If you are interested in this ministry, please get in touch with us so we can forward you more information about this exciting ministry.

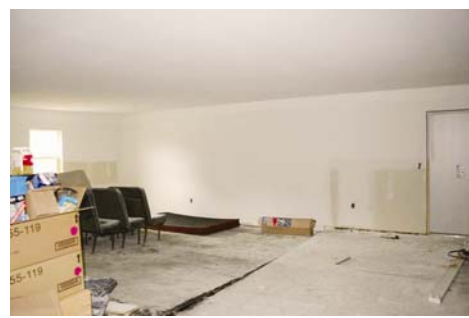


Labor of Love

What is 128 years old, demands constant attention and is yellow all over? Why it is DQ and Beth's house! Our labor of love to restore the cross-wing Victorian in Highmore, SD.

Work progressed nicely this past year on the house as well as the Outreach Center. The house now has plumbing and the central heat is being installed. The work left to be done is restoration/repair on the walls, lighting fixtures installed, paneling recreated and the kitchen built. The electrical is mostly complete on the bottom floor while some remains to be done on the upper floor.

The work has been slowed by DQ's health but we are looking forward to being able to get to a more completed state in 2011. It will be so nice when we do not have so many projects! It will be wonderful when we can open the doors to host Bible Studies and have a retreat for people needing to get away from the stresses of life. We would appreciate your prayers for the continuing work which will resume again in the spring. And yes, we absolutely accept volunteer labor.



Teen Center-- Theater Area



Teen Center-- Entry Area



Teen Center-- Gaming Area



Beth holding Jasmine, DQ holding Jack



Outreach Center-- bathrooms



Beth giving her Mom, Jean Mangus, her first ride at 80 in 2004! Mom went home to Jesus March 13, 2010.



Jesus Bike is Back

On July 1, 2010 the dusty rose marble Jesus Bike came out of the shop after a 4 years restoration. She is now not only a ministry tool but truly a work of art. In 1993, DQ & Beth purchased a new 883cc stock Sportster. They were able to pay it off in 13 months. It was then that God gave Beth the vision for the Jesus Bike. The vision came after attending several motorcycle shows and never seeing God represented on any of the bikes. We began in 1994 by customizing it one piece at a time. Many Christian brothers and sisters across the country have donated time, talents and parts to the project. In 1999, it became the pink Jesus Bike with a new paint job.

The little pink bike begins with Jesus' Hand airbrushed on the front fender complete with spike in His Palm. The theme continues to the blood of Christ splattering on the tank and even a bit on the rear fender. The theme is completed by a huge cross taillight built into the rear fender. This bike has become internationally know

and has been featured in magazines in the U.S.A, France, Japan and Australia.

The biggest changes this time has been in the professionalism of the build. It was taken totally apart, the frame molded and painted pink and then rebuilt with touches such as diamond cut jugs, and pink boogie lights. An old style Springer front end and a stretched gas tank takes it over the top.

Christian Riders Ministry set up the booth at the North American Christian Convention (NACC) in July around the bike, as always. People were blown away at the beauty but also at the plain Gospel message that the bike delivers. On the trip from South Dakota to Indianapolis, every gas stop took about an hour as the bike drew people over. It is neat to be able to have such a tool to be able to witness about the power and meaning of the sacrificial blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the Sturgis Rally in August, the bike won 1st place at the Harley-Davidson Custom Bike Show. The prize included a tro-

phy, \$200 cash and a professional photo shoot. (The pictures from this shoot can be seen above and at www.christianriders.org/pictures.htm) The photographer from Germany enjoyed the bike and Beth so much, he is forwarding the pictures to many magazines with whom he does business.

We look forward to traveling to more motorcycle shows with the Jesus Bike. We pay on average \$20 to enter the show and then are able to stand next to the bike all day and share the message of Jesus with everyone who passes by. Beth even has pink leather jacket, chaps, pants, shirt, doo-rag and purse to match the bike. The ensemble ends with her blood red Doc Martin boots. She smiles and tells people, "Us women know that it is all about the accessories." What it is really about is the love of Jesus Christ expressed by His sacrificial death for our sins. The Message told in a context the audience can understand and take to heart.

Sugar Update

Many of our supporters ask about Catherine 'Sugar' Farrell. Sugar and her husband Frank 'Flash' Farrell were members of Christian Riders Ministry. They had a motorcycle accident after leaving us at Biketoberfest 2003 that sent Flash home and left Sugar a paraplegic. Sugar is doing

well and living independently in Zephyrhills, Florida. She stays busy about the Lord's work around her. Her disability continues to offer challenges but she rises to each of these. She does have a need with which you may be able to help. Sugar needs a van for transportation. She has all the adaptive equipment and does drive. A mini-van that gets decent gas mileage

would be preferable. Due to her health issues, it also must have a working AC. This will help her keep her independence and enable her to go to church, doctors, errands and ministry. If you can help out in this, please call us. We can provide a charitable giving receipt. Help us bless her for her faithfulness to Jesus and keep her mobile.

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them. She also sought advice on how to deal in a godly way with teenagers. We testified at every opportunity about the goodness of God and the blessed life we live daily with Him. We may have been in the hospital to get DQ well but we are always ready to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ, no matter where we are or what the circumstances.

DQ was released

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on October 14 and sent home with 7 new prescriptions: 2 antibiotics, 1 sulfur drug, 2 heart pills and 2 anti-diarrhea pills. The first three pills ended October 22 and we hope the others will come off soon. He also came home about 25 lbs lighter. Institutional food is the pits and we further complicate matters when we inform them we are vegetarians. DQ is back to eating well

with Beth's cooking though he says he does not want to gain all the weight back!

We praise God that He has seen fit to leave DQ with us a while longer. We know that this will mean more fruit for the Kingdom. DQ has a long recovery ahead of him but is improving daily. We thank all our family, friends and supporters who joined us in faith and prayers. A special thanks to the Smith's who hosted Beth in their home during the long month that DQ was at the VA Hospital.

Recovery Plans

Due to DQ's hospitalization, we have missed Biketoberfest in Daytona for the first time in many years. (October 14-17) Thankfully, our landlord told DQ to just get well and our spot on the corner of Main & Peninsula would be available for Bike Week in March. DQ and Beth will also miss the Charlotte Fall Swap Meet in NC November 13-14 but thanks to the Ambassadors Chapter in Kernersville NC, we will still have a booth. This Chapter has been joining with us for many years at this event so the people know and are open to them. We thank the Lord that they are willing to fill in for us so that the Jesus booth is still there to meet the peoples needs.

We are slightly at the doctors command concerning our travel plans. We will be waiting on DQ's team to release him before we head south. As it stands now, our

home has the plumbing run but the kitchen is not complete-no cabinets, sink, etc. We do have a functioning bathroom. The heating and air condition installer is working to install the heating system. The air conditioning is \$6,000 extra and will have to wait until we save up the money. The wiring on the bottom floor is 80% complete. We just need to install switches and light fixtures. The windows on the bottom floor are about 60% complete. We plan to stay in the RV as long as we can. (Once the weather goes below 20°F, it is impossible to keep the RV warm enough.) DQ's sister, Nancy Roberts has been gracious in opening her home to us while the RV was in the shop. She has told us that we are welcome to stay with her as needed. What a blessing and she lives just a block from us!

. We hope to be able to leave around December 15. The plan is to head to North Carolina first and then on to Florida where we will pick up our usual winter ministry tour. We feel DQ can recover better in the warmer climate and with his new digestive tract, there will be fewer illnesses around. There are several YMCA's in Florida that offer a water based therapy program that will help DQ regain his strength.

We are open and looking for a few new events, especially motorcycle shows to add to the schedule. (see page 4, "Jesus Bike is Back") We are also available to speak at churches and other events. (see page 4, Partners Needed). Once again, we cast our plans upon the Lord and say, "lead us."

Sturgis

The traffic was at a crawl as the motorcycles clogged the small town of 3,000. Several tourists were caught in the rush unaware but most people knew the first week of August would be like this. It was Sturgis Bike Week in South Dakota and the infusion of 350,000+ bikers are bound to slow things down. Where some see wild crowds, we see people that need to see hope and a way to be reconciled to Jesus. This year, as always, we joined our voices to help spread some hope and love.

One thing was very different for CRM

though. For the first time in 19 years, we did not set up a ministry tent. The reasons were many, including the closing of the business where the tent had been located and the lack of help to run the tent.

Still busy about the Lord's work, we spent the week being around the public, helping and talking to folks. We used the Jesus Bike to start many conversations and share with people. We know the ministry is not about a tent or a motorcycle but is about the ability to meet people at the point of their need and point the way to Jesus. This we sought to do at each juncture and

we shared with many.

DQ also teamed up with Steve Ervin, His Laboring Few Biker Ministry and attended a Christian Unity Meeting. From this meeting, we are working with others to search out the viability of holding a Christian event during the Rally to give us a platform to share Jesus on a united front of many ministries. Please keep this in your prayers that God's Will can proceed and the Spirit will truly help us unite and lift up Christ. So while this year was quite different, God blessed

What We Believe...

We think it is important that we publish our statement of faith and belief in our newsletters. The list below is not meant to be all inclusive but the basis of our faith.

I. Purpose: Christian Riders Ministry (CRM) is organized for a dual purpose. First and foremost, to deliver, proclaim, and advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the community, especially the lifestyle biker and the hardcore motorcycling community. Our second objective is to challenge the church to grow in their acceptance of bikers while encouraging them to reach out into the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

II. We believe:

... that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. (Matt 16:16)

...all Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. (2 Tim 3:16)

...the gospel is the power of God for salvation that must be proclaimed without addition or subtraction. (Rom 1:16, Gal 1:6-9)

...to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior you must:

Believe (John 3:16)

Repent (Acts 3:19)

Confess (Rom 10:10)

Be Baptized by immersion (Acts 2:28, I Pet 3:21)

Live the Life (Gal 5:16-23)

Furthermore, we believe...

...where the Bible speaks, we speak and where the Bible is quiet, we too are quiet.

...Jesus came to earth as fully God and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life and was crucified, dead and buried. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and appeared to over 500 witnesses. After giving instructions to the 11 apostles, He ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of God interceding for those He bought with His Blood.

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With Highmore's annual Old Settler's Celebration. This events includes a parade, dances, and rodeos. We want to schedule a youth lock-in on Friday night with a teen band, a free pancake breakfast for the town on Saturday and be open as a gathering place all weekend. Our town needs Jesus and we know that God has ordained this Outreach Center to bless.

Highmore, South Dakota, is located 48 miles east of Pierre, the state capitol. It is a town of about 800 and the county seat. We have most all services needed less fast food or a variety store. The town has six churches with less than probably 1/2 the town attending them. We lack a place for the youth to gather. We also do not have an adult gathering place that is alcohol and gaming free. The Outreach Center will meet these needs and so much more.

We know funds and time are stretched tight. Still, we asked you to prayerfully consider this a worthwhile project. The wide open prairie will refresh you while drawing you close to God in the glory of His creation. Small town USA will calm you in the midst of your hectic schedule. And we will be incredibly blessed by your sacrifice.

Please call us now to schedule your group for this worthwhile project. We guarantee your group will be blessed as they are a blessing to us. You can get more info at: www.christianriders.org/news.htm

Prayer Requests

God's continued blessing and favor on Christian Riders Ministry

Wisdom in all we do to proclaim the Name of Jesus Christ.

Travel mercies for workers that will come to help at the events.

Directors and their families

Steve & Carolyn Ervin, Founders, His Laboring Few Motorcycle Ministry. Steve is recovering from open heart surgery.

Funds to pay off the RV thereby creating a zero debt situation for CRM.

Monthly financial sponsors to partner with us.

Ministry Needs

Laptop Computer

RV Washer/Dryer

Pay off RV Loan: \$7,500

Wal-Mart Cards: for ministry supplies &/or Gasoline Cards
Sugar's Need: see page 3

Financial Supporters

Prayer Warriors

Skymiles &/or Rewards points can often be transferred. A gift of such could help pay for Laptop or airline trips.

To see pictures of CRM in action, go to
www.christianriders.org/pictures.htm

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