



## CHRISTIAN RIDER

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## Year in Review

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray this finds you blessed and having a joyous Christmas Season. We want to wish you a Merry Christmas filled with love, faith, hope and joy.

As we end 2006, we look back on a wonderful year of sharing Jesus Christ in the motorcycle world. We have several stories to share with you in the following pages. We want to share these stories of people's changed lives because after all is said and done, that is what we exist for. We exist to glorify God. The ministry of Christian Riders exists to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Changed lives are the natural outcome of that commitment.

As we look back on 2006, we also reflect on an incredibly difficult year. DQ's health battle took a longer-than-expected recovery. We saw changes in the people who work with CRM. While change is inevitable, that does not make it easy. But God walks us through it all and with that knowledge, we find peace and comfort.

This year has been a wonderful time for the expansion of the Jesus Christ Ambassa-

## A Lesson in Love

God is always moving in and around each of us. Many years, we have felt like God has given us a 'theme' to speak on and then a test to pass on that very issue. Several years ago, we taught a workshop at the NACC and several state conventions on "Loving the Unlovely". While everyone expected us to talk about bikers, we did not. Instead, we focused on anyone different that we, as a church, were. This could include the disabled, a person with a different skin color or a homeless person. At one of the large motorcycle events, God tested us on this lesson. God used Debbie\* and Richard\* for that test.

Debbie came to the tent first. To look at her, most people would see a homeless person, though she was not. Her and her husband were drinkers and lived off disability pensions. Many of their friends were homeless though they maintained an apartment. God brought Debbie into the tent and to Beth. She reached out in Christian love to Debbie and by the second year, Debbie had given her life to the Lord. But she remained unsure of herself and when she spoke, she could barely be heard.

Her husband Richard would not even come near the ministry tent. Times were tough for the couple this year and they had been evicted from their home through no fault of their own. Some friends were letting them stay with them but the couple could not stay there during the day. This put them walking the streets all day long. During this time, Richard took ill. Debbie came

to the tent in tears, terrified that he was going to die. He was hidden in a back lot refusing help or treatment. We quickly formed a prayer circle with Debbie and lifted Richard up to the Father. We prayed that he would allow us to minister to him and that he would go to the hospital. Within 20 minutes, Richard and Debbie were back in the tent. This was Richard first time there. He allowed the men to minister to him and we took him to the hospital where he was immediately admitted for pneumonia. They told Debbie he would not have lasted the night. Richard expressed to Debbie how he had never felt the love and acceptance that he did that day in the tent. It made the difference and he gave his life to the Lord. This couples life was saved but the battle was just beginning.

Follow-up visits and test determined that Richard had throat cancer. He accepted the news with peace and began radiation and chemotherapy immediately. When Richard gave his life to the Lord the drinking ended. Something else changed. Debbie began to speak at a normal level. She bloomed into a woman of God. Richard and Debbie spent the long days at the hospital sharing the great change that the Lord Jesus Christ had made in their lives. There was not a nurse, doctor, technician, volunteer or many patients that did not hear of all the Lord had done. And Richard's cancer is now in remission. God is good and glorified daily in this couple's life. Loving the unlovely? No, loving the yet to be lovely!

### Cost Cutting Measures

In an effort to cut year-end costs, we felt it necessary to go to this abbreviated newsletter. We are ending the year seriously under budget. As of November 30, we are more than **-\$18,000 behind budget**. We have done our best to stay within these means. We have had to cut back in many areas while not limiting hands-on ministry. Please pray that this shortfall will be eased and 2007 will be a better year financially for CRM.

With this in mind, we want to give you an option for receiving future newsletters electronically only. This will save us \$2 per person per year. While this may not seem like much, it adds up fast with the approximately 3200 newsletters we send out twice yearly! We want each of you to stay informed about Christian Riders!

Please pick the way that suits you best. To continue to receive the newsletter through the postal service, do nothing. If you prefer to receive the newsletter via a link to view it online, please email us. Include your mailing address off this newsletter and we will switch you over to the electronic option.

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\* Not their real names

# No Good Option But God

Some days are just bad. Have you ever had a day when no matter what you did you could not seem to get a break? Arthur's\* day was like that until he 'happened' into the ministry tent. Each day, we all have divine appointment. This was DQ's. Arthur had just been released from prison. He had turned down a half-way house with the intent of going home to his wife and kids. When he arrived home, his wife had another man living there and gave Arthur a few of his clothes and sent him packing. He had spent the previous night at the Salvation Army but after the first night the charge was \$10, money he did not have. No one would hire or help him.

We had sent a team of workers out talking to people, letting them know where the ministry was located and what we were offering. While Susan was being brushed off by another man, Arthur asked for the info. He came to the tent immedi-

ately and shared his story. Beth sent Michael for a meal for Arthur and as his physical needs were met, DQ began to see to the spiritual. At first, he expressed his anger and frustration but that turned into desperation as the fear of going back to the joint overwhelmed him. He said, "I know I messed up but I have paid for it and I really want to change my life!" DQ shared the Gospel with him. Arthur accepted Jesus as his Savior and Lord.

Next, we talked about how to get him off the streets and into an environment that would allow him to thrive. Arthur had no one in that town but he did have a brother 4 hours away who owned a business. Arthur felt sure if he could get there, his brother would hire him. That afternoon, DQ took Arthur to the bus station and purchased a ticket for

him. We had a prayer circle before they left and Arthur in tears confessed Jesus and said, "I have never felt like this before. I can tell the difference already." When the two men arrived at the bus station, the ticket agent looked up and said to DQ, "You are blessed" and then to

Arthur "and you are being blessed. God is with you now and will be every step of the way." With tears and snacks for the trip, DQ sent the new brother on his journey.

We received a letter from Arthur 5 weeks later. The job did not pan out but he is in a Christian program where he

is working, being housed, and fed, both spiritually and physically. Of course, we will remain in contact with him to encourage him on with Jesus.

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## Update on DQ

Thank you for the many prayers that were offered up for me and Beth. The diaphragm hernia I had was one of the worst illness of my life. Not only was the operation and hospital stay difficult but the recovery took far longer than I ex-

pected. That said, I felt the prayers offered up on our behalf and God is faithful and has answered those prayers. I am feeling better now than I have in a long while. I am able to exercise again so I will continue to get better and stronger. I ex-

pect God to continue to use us in His Kingdom plan and I am looking forward to the new adventures that lay before us. Please continue to pray for our health, strength and peace. Merry **Christmas!**

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dors Motorcycle Ministry. We continue to look for churches that have riders who want to unite for fellowship, discipleship and outreach to the local biker community. This small groups program is a wonderful tool for the church. One thing we hear from the world is, "Why so many different churches?" and from the biker world, "why so many different ministries?" While we do not think we can ever answer these questions fully, we can seek to be more united. JCAMM is a tool to do just that.

The church provides the riders and local leadership. CRM provides the training, structure and ministry tools such as patches, t-shirts and literature. If you are interest in this, give us a call and we can get more information to you. We envision a day when Ambassador chapters will be located across the nation disciplining and evangelizing their communities.

## Website

CRM has a new website due to the generosity of one of our supporting churches.

They made it possible for the much needed face lift. Check it out for the latest pictures, calendar updates and news. We also have great T-Shirts for your favorite person this Christmas.  
[www.christianriders.org](http://www.christianriders.org)

## Mission Groups Needed

CRM needs your help. We have a wonderful Outreach Center that is taking shape in Highmore, SD. But we need your help. We need workers to come for short term mission trips. The building needs wiring, plumbing, sheetrock and paint. We need funds to help this along as well. God has given us a wonderful location on

the main street of town. The Outreach Center when finished will house a free coffeehouse, teen center and CRM offices. Please consider planning a mission trip to the beautiful, wild west! Fishing excursions and side trips to Mt. Rushmore are possible.

## Land Available

The CRM Building is located on the main street in Highmore SD. Next door to the building is a vacant lot that is for sale for \$10,000. God has given us a vision for this spot. Three beautiful, mature trees are already there which is a great beginning for an outdoor gathering area. We envision a day when bikers have a alcohol and gaming free place to ride to, have BBQ's at and be ministered to. This area would compliment and complete the building perfectly. We need to do this before it is lost to a less desirable enterprise! **Will you please pray that the funds become available to purchase this lot for God's ministry ?**