

The Dash Board

- 32 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 101+ missionary families are scheduled to use vehicles over the next few years.
- 29 vans were driven a total of 175,769 miles in the 1st quarter of 2011.
- 1,503,764 miles driven since inception.
- *We accept vehicle donations. Donate your vehicle today!*



The Filling Station

Praises

- The generous support of God's people for this ministry.
- The Kimball family support is at 73%.
- Our faithful "shop mechanics"!
- **FOUR** vans were added to the fleet so far this year!

Prayer Requests

- Safety for those volunteering in the shop.
- Often, the fleet vans become "home" for missionaries. Pray their travel will be restful, safe and comfortable.
- Maintenance can be pricey; pray we will be able to keep our maintenance costs to a minimum.
- The Kimball's are still raising support. Pray they will be 100% supported!
- The shop is a busy place. We have a **critical need** for mechanics and car detailers.
- Additional *Pit Crews* are needed. Pray that each van would have its own *Pit Crew*.

Righteous Rides Traffic Report



Harvest Helpers

In rural America, the harvest was the biggest event of the year. Neighboring farmers would get together and go from field to field to get the crops in. There was much required to get this done. The crops had to be cut, loaded, hauled and threshed. The grain was transported to storage, and the remaining chaff and straw were either baled or stacked in the field. Everyone needed to be involved in order to accomplish this huge task. The women and girls cooked large meals, and the boys carried water out to the field for the workers and animals. There was a great sense of urgency, and nothing else took higher priority during that time.

In Matthew 9:35-38, Jesus told the disciples that the harvest was plentiful but the workers were few. God wants everyone to be workers in the harvest as we all play a significant part in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Righteous Rides has seen first-hand the actions of several harvest workers through recent events with two missionary families. In the August 2010 newsletter, we shared a story about the Parker family, and that Sandy's brain tumor had forced them to return to the States unexpectedly. Although there was no van available for them at the time, God worked it out for a cancellation to occur that was at the precise time period the Parkers needed a van. But the Parker story is not over...

Sandy Parker's doctors had advised that she not return to the field in January as was scheduled, because they wanted her to continue her chemo treatments until July. Her husband, Gary, wrote *"I know that you have your vans scheduled very tightly, and if we still need to return it on January 7th as planned, we completely understand and are confident that the Lord will meet our needs some other way, but any additional time that you might be able to grant us would be greatly appreciated."*

And just as the Lord has so graciously done in the past, He allowed another van to be purchased using the donations from the December banquet. However, since the Parkers were extending the use of the van they picked up at the Dallas hub, it was now necessary to find a way to get the newly purchased van down to Dallas in time to be delivered to the Stucky family, who was scheduled to use the van after the Parkers. Kevin, from Longview Texas, works for American Airlines. We asked if he would be interested in flying up to St. Louis and driving the van down to Texas. He immediately replied that he was ready to help. Now all that was needed was to find someone who would be willing to receive the van from Kevin and take it to the airport to meet the Stucky's. Joel and Trudi from Dallas were asked if Kevin could drop off the van at their house and if they would meet the Stucky's at the airport the following weekend. They said they would be delighted to help. So within one week of Gary's request for an extension, Kevin, Joel and Trudi eagerly became the harvest helpers who met the needs of the Parker's **and** the Stucky's.

Although we are entering Spring, we must unceasingly participate in the harvest. In the physical world, there's a time for the harvest, but in the spiritual world the harvest is al-ways ripe. In John 4:35, Jesus says,

"Don't you have a saying; 'It's still four months and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest."

Now is the time. What is your role in the harvest work?

~ Karen Reighard

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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.

Newsletter: If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via e-mail instead of receiving a hard copy, please notify us at Karen@righteousrides.org.



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Be a Harvest Helper...



FORTY ONE, yes 41 missionary families will connect with Righteous Rides this summer in order to pick up or return a van!

WE NEED YOU to be a harvest helper, helping us to "connect" with these missionary families. It's simple...adopt a van and become a *Pit Crew* for the van you adopt.

WHAT'S INVOLVED? Once you've adopted a van you become the *Pit Crew* for that van. You will help make the missionary's furlough time hassle free by meeting them at the Airport to drop off or pick up their van. Call the shop to adopt a van TODAY! Be sure to attend the **PIT CREW PIZZA PARTY AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING** if at all possible Friday, May 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 41 Hampel Road, Moscow Mills, MO, 63362 - RSVP @ 636-366-9500.

A Conversion to Remember



The number of helpers reaping the harvest for God's kingdom is like sand on the seashore; innumerable! We recently recounted the blessings of the Stryker family whom we would count as harvest helpers. In January of 2007, the Stryker's donated their 2003 Dodge Conversion van to *Righteous Rides*.

The Smith's were the first missionary family to use the van, putting 30,000 miles on it in one year...17,000 of those miles were driven in one summer! In 2008 - 2009, the Eldridge family used the van for eight months followed by the Weng family, who utilized the van for an entire year.

When a van is donated to us and we accept it for fleet use, the tax law requires us to keep the van for at least three years. In January 2010, we had crossed the three year mark with the conversion van, and with gas prices rising and the low fuel efficiency of the van (13 mpg), it was decided that we would sell it. Just prior to listing it, we were contacted by the Dyer family with an immediate need for transportation for four short weeks. The conversion van was the only thing available, so it was once again on the road. Shortly after the Dyer's returned the van, another need arose. The Mazzella's were needing to extend their furlough, so into the conversion van they went. The prayers of the Stryker family were being answered...God was using their donation to aid missionaries in their labor for the harvest!

Once the Mazzella's turned the van in, we were anxious to put this gas guzzler up for sale, but we couldn't get it listed fast enough. In June, we received a call from the Ramsey's, a dear couple who had previously utilized a van. They were back from their field of service, residing in Texas, and were wondering if we had any vans available. What else do you think was residing in Texas? You guessed it...the conversion van! Once again, its wheels began to turn, carrying this missionary couple through the summer of 2010.

On January 23rd of this year, we received the following message from David Ramaly, Board Member and Dallas Hub Coordinator:

"The green conversion van was sold today! It sold for \$3,000. Praise the Lord! "
Your brother in Christ, David

This van served six missionary families covering 80,000 miles **AND** yielded \$3,000 towards the purchase of another fleet van! What a joy to be able to write the Stryker family recently and share with them how God used their desire to help in the harvest to be a blessing to so many...to God be all the glory!!!



The Smith's said that this van was a home away from home and the only place where they felt they could truly relax.