

**The Dash Board**

- 14 vans are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 42 missionaries are scheduled in vehicles over the next few years.
- 20 vehicles donated, 17 sold, 3 kept.
- 13 vans drove a total of 76,426 miles in the 4th quarter of 2008.



**The Filling Station**

**Praises:**

- Over 282,410 safe miles traveled since the inception of Righteous Rides.
- Generous donors.  
- Thank you!
- Fleet vehicle insurance has been acquired.
- Nine vans added to the Righteous Rides fleet in '08.
- Volunteers that help in various ways.

**Prayer Requests:**

- God's wisdom and guidance for the team as the ministry continues to grow.
- Safe travel for missionaries.
- Minimal and low cost maintenance.
- Opportunities to present the ministry of Righteous Rides in various churches.

# Righteous Rides

## Traffic Report



### “Desperate” for a Reliable Vehicle

The word “desperate” stood out as we read through the following e-mail request received November 24, 2008.

*“Hello, I heard about your service through another missionary friend. Could you please send me information? We are 28 year missionaries to South Africa and are back in the US for health reasons. We plan to be back in the US for about six months and will be located out of Springfield, Missouri. We are **desperate** to find a reliable vehicle to use while back in the US.”*  
Thanks, Rick

Just 2 days later we received this note of encouragement from Rick...

*“The Lord constantly amazes me at how He works! My wife and I didn't know what we were going to do about a vehicle this furlough. We had*

*arrived in Springfield, Missouri and I 'just happened' to go out to lunch with two of the directors of our mission when one of them 'by chance' mentioned the name of Righteous Rides which he had 'inadvertently' heard of from another missionary family. After lunch I looked for the Righteous Rides website. I found the website and took a 'chance' at sending an e-mail. Later, I was in a local store when I received a phone call. I wasn't sure who was calling or who had my brand new cell number. It was one of the gals from the Righteous Rides Team. She was calling to say*

*she and her family 'just happened' to be going through Springfield, Mo. the next day. There also 'just happened' to be a van available which could be delivered if we were still in need of a vehicle.*

*Our Lord is always in control and He is constantly watching out for His kids!!! It would have been nice to have known all of this before we left South Africa, but it wouldn't have been half as much fun as watching the Lord work out His plan.”* Rick

24 hours later a Righteous Rides van headed out from Troy to Springfield meeting the desperate need for a reliable vehicle.



### “Any Help Would be Appreciated”

Many times we are unable to provide transportation to missionaries requesting vehicles. One of our most recent requests we were unable to provide for came from a single missionary.

*“Hi, I was just told about your ministry. It sounds like it is a blessing to many. I'm in need of a car for part of or my entire time home. I'm finishing up my second term in Lima Peru. I'm single. I will be in Charlotte, NC April 6-9 then will be based out of Indianapolis until August 5th, so 4 months home. Any help would be appreciated. Please let me know information about the charges, insurance, pick up, etc. Blessings”*

We were unable to provide transportation for this missionary. There have been 23 requests for vehicles since January 1st, we have had to tell half of these missionary families that we could not help them. We know we can not possibly meet the need of every request that comes before us but we do know that as God provides and the fleet grows we will be able to meet the needs of many more missionaries seeking affordable, reliable transportation.

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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 vehicle donations.

**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.



### Reporting on the 1st Righteous Rides Fall Banquet

Our prayer was that God's work and will would be accomplished through the banquet. A few days following the banquet we received the following e-mail:

*"The Righteous Rides Banquet was fantastic. The CEF speaker was great. I never thought about all the planning missionaries coming home have. He mentioned that their 'passion' is their ministry. That little fact gave me a new perspective about where a missionary's heart is. It's not just a job to them but it's their God-given passion that makes them effective for Him. All the other stuff, like planning for their furlough, I'm sure can be a hassle."* Monica

The e-mail was only one of the results of the banquet. Generous donations totaling \$4,550 were given. Almost 100% of those in attendance partnered to pray for the ministry and missionaries. Many offered overnight accommodations to missionaries when needed. Several volunteered to help with delivery or pick up of vehicles. One couple requested to know the cost of the banquet and paid the bill!

Within a week of the banquet two vans were purchased.



Both of these vans are on the road. One is booked through August 2009 and the other is booked through July 2011!

The banquet allowed us to invite others to be involved in the work that God is doing. We cannot possibly accomplish the work alone!

**Just a year ago** the dash board on the front of the January 2008 newsletter read :

Take a look at the dash board on the front of this newsletter (February 2009) just 13 months later. The ministry of Righteous Rides is on the move! What will the dash board look like in 2010?

**You** can be a part in keeping Righteous Rides on the move! We would love to have the opportunity to present the ministry of Righteous Rides to missions minded churches. A presentation can be as short as 15 minutes or cover an entire service. Donations in the form of unwanted or unneeded older vehicles are requested during the presentation. These vehicles are sold and the monies are used to purchased reliable transportation for missionaries. Donors receive a tax deductible contribution for their donation. It's a conversion of "Wrecks to Rewards"!

### An Unexpected Christmas Gift

A young family in the St. Louis area received the gift of a new vehicle from their parents. They and their parent's desire was to bless another with their 2002 Chrysler Town and Country by selling it at a reduced price. Remembering that the ministry of Righteous Rides had a fleet of similar vans we were contacted to see if we would be interested in purchasing it..



Not having the funds to purchase the van, we asked the couple to consider donating it. The couple prayed about what to do and ultimately decided to donate it to Righteous Rides. They had been blessed by God through the original gift from their parents, and wanted to pass that blessing along. They were further encouraged when they found out that their minivan was an answer to prayer.

While we were busy celebrating the birth of our Savior with family and friends, God was orchestrating the donation of the 14th van in the Righteous Rides fleet!

### The Dash Board

- 5 vehicles are currently providing transportation for missionaries.
- 9 missionaries are scheduled to use RR vehicles over the next 18 months.
- 9 vehicles donated, 7 sold, 2 kept.

Contact: Renee Russell at info@righteousrides.org to discuss and schedule a Righteous Rides presentation at your Church.