

July 2012 TEAM VOICE

Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries Inc.

Purpose:

The purpose of **MJM** is to guide the motorcyclist into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and give a positive direction by example on how to live one's life through the authority and power of God in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Mission:

The primary mission of **MJM** is to lovingly share the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world, focusing primarily on the motorcycling community through secular and Christian events, worship services, helping hand activities, and other related motorcycling activities.

M.J.M. members are to seek out and assist fellow motorcyclists with his/her physical, personal and/or spiritual needs. To organize witnessing groups called **TEAMs (Telling Everyone About Messiah)**, and to establish fellowship within the local TEAM.

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***The Joy Riders TEAM & National Board of Directors of Motorcyclists
for Jesus Ministries National Kickoff for 2012
Was a Huge Success !!!***

***Great friends, new and old, great experiences, not to mention the
camaraderie that you can only find in the presence of so many like-
minded brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ.***



**“And are we yet alive, and see each other’s face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give, for His almighty grace.”**

Rally Reflections by Kathy Dillon

Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow! And indeed the blessings poured down upon us at the 2012 Kick-off! Often our non-motorcycling friends ask "What's a Kick-off?" We explain its part motorcycle rally, part Christian retreat.

In the sixth chapter of Mark, when the Disciples gathered around Jesus and told Him all they had done and taught, He said to them, "Come with me to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31 NIV) Jesus was commanding them and *us* to follow the rhythm of life by alternating between meeting with God in a quiet place and serving mankind in the marketplace. As MJM members, we are all busy in ministry taking the gospel to people who need to meet Jesus. The Kick-off is truly a time of rest, retreat and rejuvenation. The beautiful grounds and facilities at Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center provided that special "getaway."

I want to personally thank Eric Gilbert, who chaired the Kick-off, the Joy Riders TEAM and the Board of Directors for all the love, prayer and hard work they put into the event. Special appreciation is extended to Joan Philpott and JoAnn Carter worked tirelessly over the past year on all the details that make a rally a success. One couple commented that they had attended many Kick-offs since MJM's beginning, but this was the best ever! I think it was because the sweet spirit that pervaded the rally opened the way for the Power and the Presence of the Holy Spirit to be felt.

Our services and gatherings were conveniently located in the lower level of the Lodge. Eric Gilbert will be writing about the speakers. I will say that none of us collaborated but through the Spirit of God, each message whether it was teaching, personal testimony or encouragement, led onto the next. The music was fantastic! We were blessed by the ministry of Rod and Shawn McGavock, Eric Gilbert and his eleven year-old daughter, Erica and on Saturday night, Pastor Al Abrams from Erlanger, Kentucky brought his entire praise band! What a beautiful time of praising!

Dave and Lisa Topalis gave a meaningful presentation on the Shofar and the Ram's Horn. Dave cited biblical references prior to blowing these ancient instruments. Another blessing!

We all felt so badly that nine members who were looking forward to the Kick-off had to cancel at the last minute due to hospitalizations, emergency surgeries and other serious health issues. They were truly missed. It is our prayer that they will soon be well.

One hundred and eighty-six 4-H kids and their counselors and a high school football team and coaches were also guests of the campground that weekend. Because of the vastness of the property, we all had plenty of room. The only real interaction we had with them was in the dining room that seats up to 700 people. We did have opportunity for moments of witness and fellowship with some of the leaders of these groups. All of the young people were so well-behaved and courteous; it was a joy being with them.

It has been my privilege to share just a few of the highlights of our weekend together. Truly, we all need to get away to a quiet place with Jesus. Vance Havner, revivalist and author, said, "If we don't come apart, we *will* come apart."

Our theme was "Heaven Bound with the Throttle Down." We have had our "rest and retreat" and now it is time to "advance" into the world with the throttle down and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to share the gospel with all whom we meet!

With much love in Jesus,
Kathy Dillon





2012 Spring Kickoff by *Eric Gilbert*,

Friday, June 8, 2012 - Kathy Dillon spoke a beautiful message about how beautiful heaven is going to be. She reminded me of myself because as I use a lot of scripture when I preach. We all can find way to put a wedge in for Jesus in our conversation.

Saturday morning, June 9 – Tommy Olson of LaGrange, KY gave a powerful testimony that was very much needed. It touched me and I know his personal testimony touched all in attendance. Then he talked about the peace of God and how we can set our minds “because the mind is not big enough” to comprehend how great heaven is going to be. I never really thought about that but I will be able to go up and hug a bear and he would even hug me back!

Saturday night – Pastor Al, Erlanger, KY, told how his ministry got started. He told us to keep doing what we were doing, but that we have to do it in unity. Always put God first, your family, then the ministry, then we need to go out and win the world for Him. We have received a lot of wisdom, knowledge and understanding from Him.

Sunday morning, June 10 – We got to hear the sound and teaching on the ram’s horn and the shofar, and wearing of the tallit by Dave Topalis. Everyone that spoke this weekend had an amazing, emotional message. Jack Senior closed us out with an encouraging message.

Eric Gilbert, Chaplain JOY Riders Team

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New to the Goodies T-shirts!

Safety Green plus a POCKET on front of T-shirt! These may be worn by non-MJM members as well as members and were sold at the 2012 Spring Kickoff in West Harrison, Indiana. Sizes are from Small to 3X large and have MJM printed on the pocket. On the back it says Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries 2012 Joy Rider Team and Board of Directors Spring Kickoff June 8, 9, & 10, 'Heaven Bound with the Throttle Down'. A sunrise with a dove and motorcycle couple heading out is printed near the bottom.

These T-shirts may be worn by anyone and cost only \$10.

NOTE: We also have 20th Anniversary T-shirts that are black with red logo (4 Small & 4 3XL) on sale for \$2 each. Please see additional sale items on the Goody Page. Add \$4 for mailing for one shirt, \$5 for two shirts.

Order from MJM’s National Goodies Administrator, Joan Philpott: Fax No. 502/834-0587, Telephone No. 502/834-7449 or mail your order to 1299 Van Dyke Mill Rd, Taylorsville, KY 40071.

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A note from the editor:

While at this year’s Kickoff, we had some excellent words from different pastors. The Lord led me to give a short talk on the rams horn & the shofar. Now I noticed something, all weekend long I walked up & down those stairs without even holding on to the railing, & my wife Lisa wasn’t hurting either. You see we blow the shofar & rams hord at home also to drive the devil crazy. Well the really great blessing came when we were loading the car to go home, when Holly Gilbert came up to me & told me she didn't have pain anymore. If anyone else was relieved of pain or healed, which is common when blowing the trumpets of GOD, your input would be appreciated, and we could share it with other members in the Team Voice.

Dave Topalis

Speakers at the 2012 National Kickoff



Kathy Dillon



Dave Topalis



Tommy Olson



Eric Gilbert



Pastor Al Abrams



Jack Senior

THE LOST SHEEP

Written by: Larry Jones

It was at a church in Kansas, the small congregation was mostly elderly, with the youngest person being in their mid to late forties. Dignified and proper, everyone there having professed salvation anywhere from twenty to fifty years earlier.

Just as I was preparing to minister, I felt impressed by the Lord to preach a salvation message. Of course, my natural thoughts were, that's ridiculous, these people need to hear spiritual truths for mature believers.

Matthew 18:12 "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?" NIV

However, disregarding the fear of embarrassment, I began to preach an old fashioned born again, Hell hot and Heaven sweet message of salvation. The more I preached to the stony-faced congregation, the more I questioned the wisdom of my decision.

Matthew 18:13 "And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off." NIV

At the conclusion of the message, with still no discernible expression on the part of the congregation, the Holy Spirit was leading me to make an altar call. I cautiously proceeded to make a plea for someone to come forward for prayer for salvation.

Matthew 18:14 "In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost." NIV

After a few strained and uncomfortable seconds, the front door of the church swung open and a 19 year old full-flooded Mescalero Apache Indian walked in and approached the altar. He had promised his Grandmother he would attend church that night and he had been sitting on the front steps of the church listening to the message all along. GOD had touched his heart and he prayed the sinner's prayer.

He had a boom box (radio/cassette player) in his hand and a long stiletto knife in his pocket. He had also been heavily involved in drugs and alcohol.

Listening to GOD, instead of myself, had once again paid off-----as it always does!!

Jesus came to seek and save the lost,
Left heaven's glory, minding not the cost;
Looking high and low and far and wide,
The Son of Man for all was crucified.

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ROADS OF DESTINY....

Submitted by Bob Williams, Written by Bill Johnson

Many people view their destiny as a singular destination in this life where they will be privileged to use their gifts and talents to accomplish desired results.

There is some truth in this, but actually we, who follow the Lord, look toward our final destiny when we go to dwell with Him forever. In the meantime, we may find ourselves traveling various **ROADS OF DESTINY** where we are meant to be, for a day, a month or even years.

I know people right now who are on such roads which they have not chosen and they wonder what this has to do with God's purpose for their lives.

Joseph did not see his prison ordeal as fulfilling his dreams or the words that God had put in his heart and Paul, being under arrest, was prevented from doing what he felt he was called to do, but in their cases as well as ours, God puts us where we are for a reason.

Interestingly enough, how we traverse the **ROADS OF DESTINY** has a lot to do with whether we insist on controlling our lives or whether we are willing to be servants. Albert Einstein said, the high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than rule.

Jesus underlined this fact in Luke 22 when He pointed out that greatness is not equated with ruling, but by serving. He personalized this truth by saying, I am among you as one who serves. We are all on **ROADS OF DESTINY** today and we may face difficulties or doubts, so let us trust the Lord and hang on His promises. Be content where you are, knowing that God will enable you to make your mark on the "now" as He leads you forward into the future!



What Have You Been Up To ???

Article and pictures submitted by Ralph A. Bainbridge, MJM Gospel Riders T.E.A.M.

It all started in April, for the MJM Gospel Riders T.E.A.M. April 15 we helped at the Blessing of the Bikes at Battlefield Harley-Davidson. April 28 we hosted the First Annual Iron Horses in Pottstown. This weekend was also the antique motorcycle show and swap meet at Oley.

May brought many more opportunities for ministry. May 5 was the Samaritan's Purse Ride. May 12 was the ride for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. May 19 was a Bike Blessing at the Mavericks. May 20 was the 4th Annual Harley "Kid" Monderewicz Memorial Run that benefits the Reading Children's Home. May 26 we headed to Washington DC for Rolling Thunder XXVIII.

June has started just the same, full of ministry. June 2 after breakfast we rode to Palm American Legion to view a memorial to 911. We stopped for lunch and then went to Burlington Bike Night. June 3 was the Gold Star Mother's Picnic. I had the honor of escorting one of the Gold Star Moms to her seat for the ceremony. Gold Star Mothers are mothers who have lost a child in a war. I have volunteered to escort a Gold Star Mom at their national convention in DC the end of September.

I have included pictures of some of these events. There is a saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words." That being said, the attached pictures, along with this article speak volumes about MJM's Gospel Riders ministry!

** Note...Pictures are on the next page.*





On the road again with the Gospel Riders!!



MJM JULY BIRTHDAYS

Vernon Tinker	7/1
Janet Long	7/4
Michael Fields	7/5
Larry Jones	7/5
Cindy Landerer	7/7
William Eddy	7/8
Roderick McGavock	7/10
Forrest Miller	7/11
Ron Huffman	7/12
Donna Krebs	7/15
James Garrett	7/16
Carmelo "Tito" Rivera	7/16
Thomas Arndt	7/18
Evelyn Rivera	7/18
Carol Cooter	7/20
Fred McClincy	7/23
Kenneth Hedden	7/24
Kevin Hughes	7/25
Raymond Hood	7/26
Linda Shinnars	7/26
Shirley Lemaster	7/28
Charles Grisdale	7/28
Mark Miller	7/29
Robert Hart	7/29
Chris Tague	7/31
Martha Mazzei	7/31

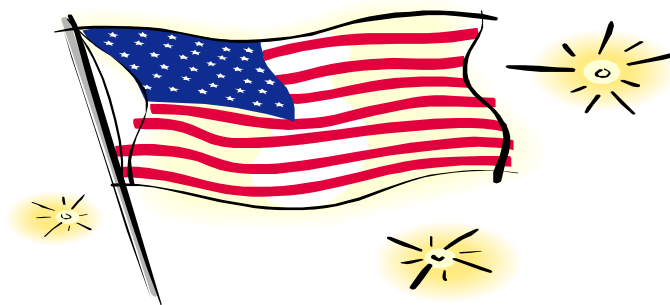
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Kenneth and GERALYN Hedden	7/18
Thomas and Joyce Arndt	7/22
Steve and Pam Viar	7/24
Phil and Belva Guica	7/27
Mark and Debra Barrows	7/28

MJM JULY YEARS OF SERVICE

Norman and Sharon Weckesser	1 yr.
Lance Stoddard	1 yr.
Curtist and Terry Jones	2 yrs.
Steve and Rosalie Parr	2 yrs.
John Simons	2 yrs.
Jim and Betty Frank	5 yrs.
Santo and Cindy Landerer	9 yrs.
Jack Senior	11 yrs.
Richard and Diane Dolbow	20 yrs.

God Bless America !



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