

# New Life Riders

Hunterdon County Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association



We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory and power of the Father, we too might walk habitually in newness of life, abandoning our old ways. *Romans 6:4 Amplified Bible*

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## NLR & PIT Crew Bless The Little Ones Again!

*Amazing! Astounding! Astonishing!*

Since 2013, New Life Riders has collected toys for the children whose mothers are at the Edna Mahon Correctional Facility for Women in Clinton, New Jersey.

For a few years it was a Toy Run. So much effort went into promoting the event at secular clubs and county motorcycle dealers. We decorated the hosting dealership's parking lot to look like Santa's workshop, hauled in and set up chairs and covered cafeteria-style tables with red and green tablecloths. We offered a hot lunch. The DJ played Christmas music and, of course, our road captain planned out and led a one-hour-plus ride through picturesque Hunterdon County.

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## NLR and Friends Christmas Gathering

Another festive, fun and full-of-worship NLR Christmas gathering at the Golden Star Diner in place of our usual monthly meeting.

Our eyes sure popped when Ron entered in his red and green sequin jacket (*see pix at lower right*)! And Terry wore her "Santa ears" again (sorry for the photo interference, Mark.)

Don and Lisa each took home a small gift as they won both games of the perennial favorite Christmas "bingo" (*see pix at right*). We promise: No inside advantage was given to our most-recent NLR-interested visitors.

Chaplain Al led us in a round of Christmas carols before we gathered our red and green foil-wrapped bingo-marker kisses, wished each other a blessed Advent Season, hugged, then packed up the diapers and gift cards we donated to the Friendship Center and headed home. Fellowship is always sweet.



**Back row:** Eric & Deena O'Connor (CMA Wheels of Ezekiel chapter), Ron Grossmann, Alan Verbeke (Calvary Bible Church), Mark Stevens (Dawn Patrol), Lisa Heubach, Don Knorr, Wendell Sellers. **Front:** Renee McFadden, Terry Stemmex, Dave Stryker, Laura & Eric Fichter (CMA area reps), Al Curving, and Jim Potts.

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## CMA Tri-State Seasons of Refreshing 2026

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026:**

Dave and Al picked Terry up at six o'clock (yes, in the morning!) for a 3-1/2-hour ride to Glen Burnie, Maryland, for CMA's annual Seasons of Refreshing event.

Rick and Mary Burkey presented this year's SOR-themed "Be With Jesus, Bring Others To Be With Jesus" sessions. This was our introduction to the new regional evangelists. To say, "WOW" would be an understatement. Such enthusiasm for the Lord, for CMA, for their new flock," and for the day!

We were happy to see a good New Jersey chapter turnout with members from ROAR, Wheels of Ezekiel, and Lighthouse Riders.

As it was, after all, a CMA event, so there were plenty of donuts and coffee, and for lunch, pizza and ice cream, which we shared with new CMA friends from Lancaster.

Back in session: Based on the gospel account of the four who lowered their friend through the roof to be healed by Jesus, Mary challenged us with a four-part presentation concerning chapter Care, Creativity, Cooperation, and Commitment through completion. She asked a thought-provoking question: Is your chapter a muesum of tradition or a mosaic of creativity?

For those who couldn't be there, following are questions Rick and Mary posed at the end of each section.

Another 3-1/2-hour ride saw us home after 7 p.m. A long but fruitful day. We now have lots to process and pray about as we look ahead to our CMA and New Life Riders ministry here in Hunterdon County.

We ask that you consider joining us... or at least pray for us.



*Left: One side of the Arundel Christian Church sanctuary where SOR sessions were held.*

*Below: Former NLR Tj Allen shows Dave Stryker pictures of his bike's custom paint job as his new daughter McKenna looks on.*

### Questions to Consider

#### SESSION 1

- Who comes to mind when you think of a passionate follower of Jesus whose life has been transformed?
- What did you feel when you first encountered the transformational power of Jesus in your life?

#### SESSION 2

- What would you imagine Jesus did with Andrew and the other disciple of John the Baptist from four in the afternoon for the rest of the day? What could it have been that was so powerful in their lives?
- What do you think motivated Andrew to bring his brother Simon to meet Jesus?

#### SESSION 3

- How have you personally seen or experienced the "thief's" work in your life and in the motorcyclists you know?
- Have you witnessed or do you have experience with rising levels of reported loneliness in our culture?

#### SESSION 4

- How does the invitation of Jesus potentially impact the lonely, isolated, or those experiencing mental or emotional distress?
- Explain in your own words the "rest" that Jesus says He will give those who come to Him. Are you presently experiencing this "rest" in your day-to-day experience with Jesus?

#### SESSION 5

- How have you seen Jesus' way being the best way to live?
- In what ways are you living a "rich and satisfying life"?

#### SESSION 6

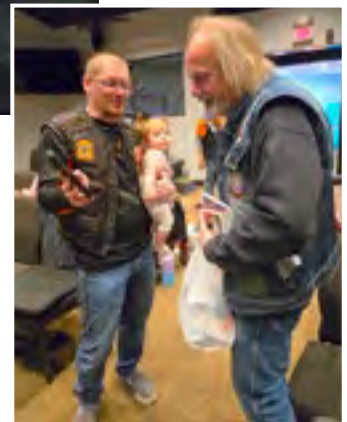
- Why is the metaphor of the vine and the branches so foreign to our modern, fast-paced society?
- What are you abiding in? Where do you feel most at home emotionally?

#### SESSION 7

- What is going on in your inner life?
- As I think about Jesus being the vine and myself being the branch, what do I hear Jesus personally inviting me to do in response?

#### SESSION 8

- How could the Andrew Murray quote, "See you to the abiding; He will see to the fruit" apply in your own life as a member of CMA? In your local CMA chapter?



• Andrew bringing Simon to Jesus has rich parallels with our mission in CMA to bring our fellow motorcyclists to meet Christ. What particular aspects of this story stand out to you?

• Examine how much you love other motorcyclists. How much do you care about their lives and their eternity? How does your love and care for motorcyclists get pushed to the side by your own needs and concerns?

#### SESSION 9

• Is there a need for creativity in overcoming obstacles when trying to bring others to Jesus through the efforts of my local CMA chapter? How can I help?

• Describe how important cooperation is within the local CMA chapter? What boosts cooperation among Jesus-following motorcycle riders?

#### SESSION 10

• Is it possible for a follower of Jesus to be abiding in Christ, experiencing the rich and satisfying, rest-filled life that Jesus offers and that person be uncommitted to the Kingdom of God?

## My CMA Mission Trip to Togo *By Renee McFadden*

My CMA mission trip to Togo, Africa was in one word, amazing. There were twelve of us; six women and six men on our team along with Arlen King, our Missionary Ventures International (MVI) partner. Arlen kept us always on the go; visiting several of his partners (Le Pont, The Timothy Initiative, Living Waters, as well as several churches and one perspective partner from Christian Team Ministries International).

Our main mission purpose was to give eleven motorcycles to eleven pastors. These motorcycles will help these men spread the gospel of Jesus to people in more distant villages. We got to hear from pastors that received motorcycles last year and they told us how the motorcycle helped improve their life, their ministry, and their community. And we were blessed to test drive eight motorcycles for an hour ride before giving them away. I was so happy to ride on the back of a motorcycle with Arlen. It was so exciting!

Togo is in West Africa in between Ghana and Benin. Togo stands as a beacon of both challenge and opportunity. Here the Gospel of Jesus meets resistance. But there is still hope to reach the unreached. This is why equipping ministers with motorcycles is so important.

I would highly recommend everyone to experience a CMA mission trip. *Your life will never be the same.*

**1.** On the road in Tsevie. **2.** At Eglise Baptiste Jesus Suffit de Sotouboua learning about One Mission Society and giving away a motorcycle. **3.** In Guerin-Kouka listening to the motorcycle dedication. **4.** In Sokode with Ali Yoma, motorcycle recipient. **5.** Kids in Kparatao watching the motorcycle dedication. **6.** In Sokode on the road. **7.** Girl in Sotouboua selling wares. **8.** Transporting wares in Sokode. **9.** Transporting chickens and goats in Tabligho. **10.** Prayed with motorcycle recipient in Lome at The Timothy Initiative office.



## Following In The Footsteps of Paul and John

By Terry Stemmer

**AUGUST 6-18:** What an incredible adventure! And the reality that empires come and go, but our God continues to reign... as He ever will! Be encouraged, friends.

**Istanbul, Turkey:** Mosques, bikes and cats dominate.

**Philippi, Greece:** Named for King Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great; Egnatian Way. "Come over to Macedonia." Paul's and Silas's illegal beating and imprisonment; earthquake; Lydia's conversion. (Acts 16).

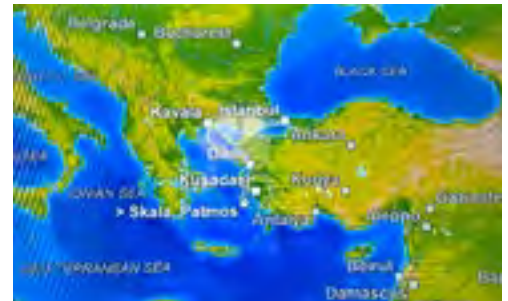
**Pergamum, Turkey:** Refusal to *give a pinch* (of incense to honor Caesar) resulted in significant business, personal and social consequences for believers. Rev 2:12-17

**Ephesus, Turkey:** Roman opulence, extravagance, ruin. "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians" riot (Acts 19). Rev 2:1-7.

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**Right:** Sea Cloud 2 sailing route on the Aegean Sea.

**Below:** Theater carved into the mountain; wooden walkway; exhilarating but tense cable car ride to the top.



**PERGAMUM**



**PHILIPPI**



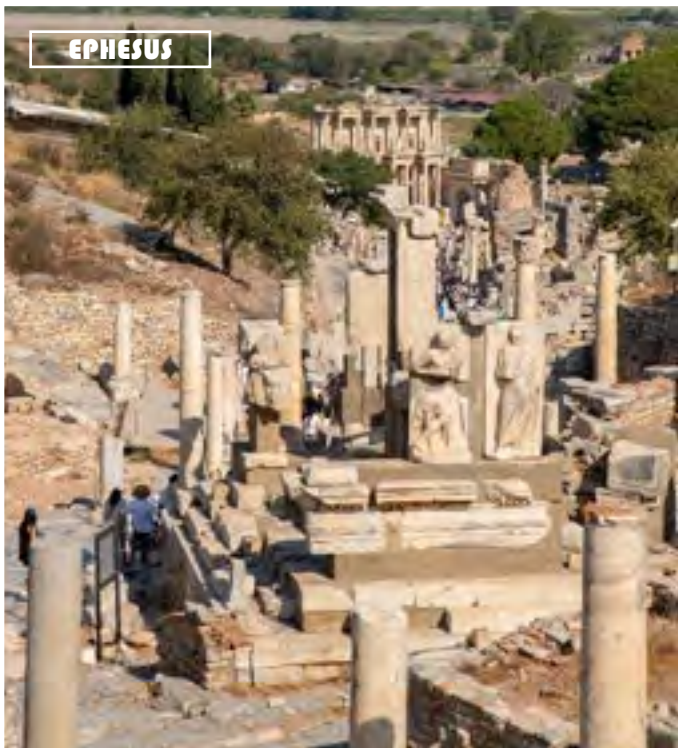
**PHILIPPI PRISON**



**Left:** Lydia's active baptistry.

**Right:** Paul's prison overlooks Philippi, above.

**Right Below:** "Pizza pie" and the Ichthys, early Christian symbols, drawn on pathway.



**EPHESUS**



**Column-lined, marble walkway to Ephesus's still-standing, two-story library (above).**

## Following In The Footsteps *(continued from previous page)*

**Patmos, Greece:** John's exile (Revelation); cave; chapel; museum: icons and ancient manuscripts.

**Athens, Greece:** The Areopagus; Mars Hill and Paul's speech concerning "an unknown god" (Acts 17); the Acropolis; the original Olympic Stadium; temples everywhere, and more bikes!

**Corinth, Greece:** Erastus (Acts 19:22, Romans 16:23); Bema judgment seat; women's hair; "bought with a price"; the Agora. (Acts 18)

Everywhere we went we were surrounded by evidence of believers who paid an enormous price for remaining faithful to God. As Steve Green sang: "Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful."



*On the Acropolis: the Parthenon (left), a temple to Athena; Erechtheum (right), with supporting caryatids, a shrine to agricultural deities*



*One section of the Agora, the city's government seat*



*Mars Hill*

TO ΦΑΡ ΠΑΡΑΥΤΗΚΑ ΕΡΑΣΤΟΥ  
ΤΗΣ ΒΑΡΕΛΗΣ ΜΗΝΟΝ ΚΑΙ ΤΥΡΡΗΝ  
ΕΙΣ ΤΗΝ ΠΕΡΙΟΧΗΝ ΑΝΘΙΝΟΝ ΒΑΡΟΣ  
ΕΣΤΗΝ ΚΑΤΕΠΙΤΑΞΕΤΑΙ ΜΗΝ

FOR THIS SLIGHT MOMENTARY  
AFFLICTION IS PREPARING FOR US AN  
ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY FAR BEYOND  
ALL COMPARISON 2 Corinthians 4:17

*Erastus, Treasurer*



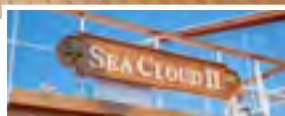
*Looking down on the BEMA, a very lonely place*



*Corinth Canal connects Ionian and Aegean Seas*



*More steps on the way to the "Holy Cave of the Apocalypse. 'I was on the island of Patmos?'" as the inscription (at right) records.*



## Otto and the Unicycle – Divine Appointments All Around

It started just like any other Tuesday night that we gather at McDonald's for our weekly devotional and prayer. Except... *What is that under the table?*

We struck up a conversation with "JJ" and learned the box under his table wasn't a computer or sound equipment. It was a single-wheel motorcycle.

We weren't the only ones whose interest was piqued. Otto did what every red-blooded little boy would do when presented with the opportunity to saddle up close to something mechanical. He moved in for an up-close inspection.

Grandmom stayed close as JJ encouraged Otto to push a button. What a surprise when the bright light came on! Mom Amanda kept a watchful eye from the high table.

Dave and JJ traded stories and talked bikes as enthusiasts do when they encounter a two-wheel soulmate. Then



Grandmom, Otto and JJ with the unicycle.

JJ took a lap around the tables, waved goodbye to Otto, exited through the side door on the unicycle, and was gone.

But that wasn't the end of the evening. At another table sat a young man with "Jesus" emblazoned on the back of his T-shirt. We couldn't read it all and so asked him to tell us what it said, hoping it was God-glorifying. It was! What an uplifting conversation with this young man. *There is hope yet.*

At the table with him were his sister and mother. We explained who we are and why we were there, then asked if they had any interest in motorcycles. The mom recognized the CMA patch. We were delighted to learn the family is old friends with another member of New Life Riders. Small world.

So remember to wear your vest and always be ready to give a defense for the hope within you (1 Peter 3:15).

## Veterans Day at Home Depot



**Tuesday, November 11, 2025:** *New Life Riders set up the booth again this year at Home Depot to honor our vets. Great conversation, testimonies and military memories. Above, a customer stopped at the booth to talk with Don Knorr, Dave Stryker and Al Curving, as did many others. It was C-O-L-D and W-I-N-D-Y, but we shared hot coffee and munchkins as we shared Jesus, new testaments, gospels of John, and much more.*

## New Jersey e-Bike Bill Now Law

A recent New Jersey state law requires e-bike owners to obtain a license and register and insure their e-bikes within six months of the new law taking effect. Violators will face a \$50 fine.

First introduced in October, the bill passed on January 12, with the state Senate voting 27-11 and the state Assembly voting 52-10.

Of the 45 states that regulate e-bikes, New Jersey is the only state to require insurance.

For more info, [click HERE](#).

## NLR & PIT Crew Bless The Little Ones Again! *(continued from page 1)*

But, it was October. Sometimes we ended up competing with same-day motorcycle events and turnout was low. Other times, the weather didn't cooperate and we could have used winter parkas! That also affected turnout. It was a lot of effort and not always well rewarded.

We brainstormed and concluded we needed a change if we wanted to continue to bless the children.

As nearly all New Life Riders attend different churches, we asked our pastors if we could set a decorated box to collect toys from our own church members. And did they ever respond.

Then, as our chapter recognition grew, churches approached us and asked if they could participate also. Yes!! Enthusiastically, Yes! And so the PIT Crew began to emerge.

This year, we are indebted to the members who once again generously filled boxes to overflowing at Calvary Baptist Church, Flemington; Calvary Bible Church, Whitehouse Station; First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville; Old Rocks Church, Lambertville; Quakertown United Methodist Church; First Baptist Church of Robbinsville; Stanton Reformed Church; and the Stockton Wesleyan Church.

Because there were so many donated toys and gift cards, we were able to bless not only the children associated with Edna Mahan, but also families with the Friendship Center for New Beginnings.

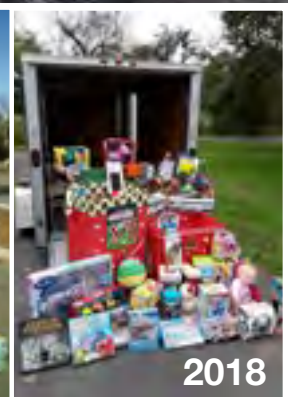
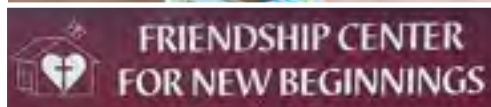
Thank you for being a blessing in the lives and hearts of so many people again this year. Not only the children, but the parents, the state workers at Edna Mahan, the staff and volunteers at the Friendship Center. Perhaps even those encountered at stores as the buyers shared who the toys were for.

*Please remember them all to God and pray they belong to Him now or soon will.*



*Left: Jeannie and a friend received bagged toys at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings.*

*Below: EMCFW social workers enthusiastically accepted the toys Dave and Terry delivered on behalf of New Life Riders and the PIT Crew.*



*Our New Life Riders Toy Run ran from 2013 to 2019. Although it was fun at the time, the number of toys significantly increased after we abandoned the ride and approached our local churches. Compare these photos to this year's picture on page one.*



## Prayer & Praise

**PRAISE!** We were thrilled to welcome THREE new members: longtime NLR friend Phil McCloughan, Lisa Heubach and her husband Don Knorr, and are excited to see how God will use them within the chapter. **PRAISE** for the PIT Crew and all those who sacrificially gave to the toy drive to bless children in the name of Jesus. **PRAISE** for the Christian Motorcyclists Association as we celebrated FIFTY years this year. A unique ministry not only to motorcyclists here in the States and around the world, but to pastors and families and children through our sister ministries for 38 years: **The Jesus Film Project, Global Christian Relief and Missionary Ventures.**

**PRAY** for those whom God has already appointed to cross paths with New Life Riders this year. **PRAY** that we are sensitive to and prepared for the ones He brings to us. **PRAY** that we are willing to go where He leads, wherever that may be. **PRAY** for CMA's and NLR's leadership. **PRAY** for the PIT Crew. **PRAY** for all our CMA New Jersey chapters and members. **PRAY** for new members. **PRAY** that we will fall in love all over again with Jesus, that our hearts will overflow with gratitude and grace, that all whom we come in contact with will know we belong to Him because they readily see Him in all we do and say.



Dave saw a message highlighted by the sun on a sign he had just finished painting for a customer. Do you see it? **DANGER SIN.** *Proverbs 14:12* "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (NASB)

## Call for Content

- Event Reports • Upcoming Events
- MC Facts and Trivia • Tips
- Articles written by NLRs
- Links to other articles or matters of interest
- Pictures! (JPG, PDF format)

Send submissions to Terry at:  
[TSjakeo@aol.com](mailto:TSjakeo@aol.com)

## Save the date! Thurs, June 11

*New Life Riders invites you to join us on Thursday, June 11, at Somerset Patriots Park for a night of fun, fellowship and fundraising for CMA's Run for the Son.*

*Tickets are \$48 and include admission for the game, an all-you-can-eat BBQ and a donation for Run for the Son.*

**To reserve your spot, contact:**

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Terry Slemmer at [TSjakeo@aol.com](mailto:TSjakeo@aol.com)

*More details to follow!*

**New Life Riders**  
Hunterdon County Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association  
Proudly Presents...

# Ride to the Ballpark!

Join New Life Riders for baseball and all-you-can-eat BBQ!

When: Thursday, June 11 @ 6:35pm  
BBQ Timing: 5:30-7:00pm

For info and tickets, contact:  
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