

# New Life Riders

Hunterdon County Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association



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## New Life Riders' 2024 Year in Review

It seems as though much of 2024 should still be before us... until we reflect on all that we accomplished in 2024. (See page two for events, activities and a sampling of pictures).

For some, 2025 began slowly after a Watch Night service, time reflecting on the year that just became part of their past, or after an exciting night of ringing in the new year with friends and family.

New Life Riders' tradition is to layer up and join fellow bikers for the rain-snow-or-shine "Hangover Ride." This year, more than 125 brave souls converged at the Manville-Hillsborough ELKS' lodge for their 17th annual escorted ride with a hot buffet and mingling afterwards. Great way to start 2025!

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## 12th Annual Toy Drive

We are overwhelmingly thankful to our PIT Crew members and ministry friends who joined with New Life Riders, generously donating toys and gift cards (see caption below center for totals), making Christmas 2024 memorable for many children who otherwise might not experience the excitement of this joyous season celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Edna Mahan gave permission to share this [short clip of the Title 20 event](#).



*Above: The 228 toys and 23 gift cards generously donated by our PIT Crew and partners.*

*Left: NLRs Terry and Dave are bookended by EMCFW support specialists Maggie (left) and Stephanie (right). We thank PJ for taking the picture.*

### PIT Crew and Partners

Calvary Baptist Church, Flemington  
First Baptist Church of Robbinsville  
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville  
Grace Community Church, Bridgewater  
Old Rocks Church, Lambertville  
Quakertown United Methodist Church, Quakertown  
Refuge Church, Robbinsville  
Stanton Reformed Church  
Stockton Wesleyan Church

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## New Life Riders' Year in Review *(continued from page 1)*



### Partial 2024 Activities List

BIKE NIGHTS with booth: 13 (April through October)

BIKES & BAGELS: 5 (May through September)

SECULAR MOTORCYCLE RIDES: 7

CAR SHOWS: 4

COMMUNITY-SPONSORED EVENTS: 10

CMA TRI-STATE EVENTS: 3

NLR PRAYER, in-person: 48

NLR PRAYER, Zoom: 3

NLR FELLOWSHIP Rides & Food: 15

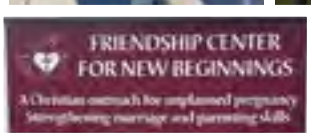
### NLR HUNTERDON COUNTY OUTREACH:

- 4-H Fair, all five days
- Annual Christmas Toy Drive
- Annual 9/11 First Responders Outreach
- Operation Teddy Bear deliveries:  
Police=5; EMTs=13; Fire stations=8
- Friendship Center for New Beginnings work day

CHURCH VISITS: 21

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS: 15

CHURCH & PIT CREW FELLOWSHIP: 11



### New Life Riders Hunterdon County Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association

#### Who are the New Life Riders?

New Life Riders is the Hunterdon County chapter of the international Christian Motorcyclists Association. Our primary outreach is to the biking community, however...

During riding season you can find us almost weekly in our booth with a table full of new testaments, gospels of John, tracts, and other giveaways at bike nights and dealer events. Dave's Honda mini bike draws kids and parents alike!

County churches help collect Christmas toys and participate in our Operation Teddy Bear. We make monthly county church visits, pray for our local pastors at every meeting and send handwritten encouragement cards to four pastors every month.

#### What is CMA? [cmausa.org](http://cmausa.org)

The Christian Motorcyclists Association was founded in 1975 to minister to the motorcycle community, many of whom will never step inside a church. And today, CMA seems to be everywhere with nearly 1,000 chapters in the United States and chapters in more than 30 countries.

Ask us about:

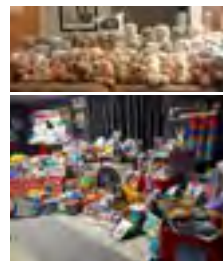
- Joining CMA and changing the world... one heart at a time
- Short-term mission trip opportunities
- Run for the Son (annual event)

Through Run for the Son, CMA supports:

- Global Christian Relief
- Missionary Ventures
- The Jesus Film Project
- Home missions

#### New Life Riders Activities

- Rides and dealership events
- Church presentations (NLR/CMA)
- Support county first responder fundraisers and their community outreach events
- Annual 9/11 visit to all 60-plus Hunterdon County first responder facilities, including the National Guard and prosecutor's office
- "Operation Teddy Bear"
- Annual Christmas toy drive
- Vacation Bible School
- The Friendship Center for New Beginnings (Flemington) work days, diaper drives, etc.
- Raising up the next generation of motorcycle missionaries
- And so much more! Ask us now or go to: [NewLifeRiders.org](http://NewLifeRiders.org)



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Serving Hunterdon County, NJ



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*Just a sampling of New Life Riders activities throughout the year. Counterclockwise from the top left: Set up for five days in the Hunterdon County 4-H Fair community tent; 9/11; NLR booth at monthly dealership bike nights; work day at Friendship Center for New Beginnings; NLR booth at the Flemington Car Show; CMA's annual Run for the Son to benefit missionaries (CMA raised more than \$6,000,000 in 2024); NLR at our final monthly gathering at the Golden Star Diner, Ringoes. New this year: Informational handout flyer and trifold explaining New Life Riders and CMA.*



## Operation Teddy Bear: Coming and Going

The need for *Operation Teddy Bear* is heartbreaking: vehicle accident, domestic abuse, or a house fire. The comfort a little one receives after being given a bear to hug during an incident is heartwarming. The generous outpouring of our PIT Crew and individuals, and New Life Riders members as well has been incredible.

New Life Riders began collecting and distributing teddy bears in 2023 and, to date, we have delivered nearly 300 bears. First deliveries were to police stations, followed by rescue squads (at the suggestion of a police officer) and now we have moved to fire stations and second rounds to rescue squads and police stations. It is disheartening to have to resupply facilities as that means there have been at least ten situations since we made the first deliveries, but we are thankful for the tender hearts of those who continue to collect and donate bears.

We scrambled to find appropriate replacement bears once Walmart discontinued its beloved “Sparky” bear (see picture below). But bear buyers have not been thwarted. Thank you, Internet! The new bears may not be exact, but clever shoppers located Sparky’s look-alike cousin (see the bottom row of bears, above right).

Except for Dave and Ron, most bikers are offroad til Spring, but New Life Riders continues its outreach through the winter. Thank you for partnering with us.

**Right:** South Branch EMTs bookend New Life Riders Al Curving, Renee McFadden, Dave Stryker, and Terry Slemmer. Thanks Sarah and Mimi!

**Below:** Three Bridges firefighters gladly receive teddy bears after Dave and Terry enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner at the firehouse.

**Bottom right:** Whitehouse Rescue’s deputy chief Harrison Lavery accepts a second round of bears for rescue and promised to make delivery to the firehouse.



Grace Community Presbyterian Church in Bridgewater, Calvary Baptist Church in Flemington, Stanton Reformed Church in Stanton, and Quakertown United Methodist Church in Quakertown helped replenish New Life Riders’ supply of teddy bears.



**Above:** Matt Marton of Calvary Bible Church, Whitehouse Station, turns over dozens of bears to NLRs Dave and Terry after morning service.



How can you not love those faces?!





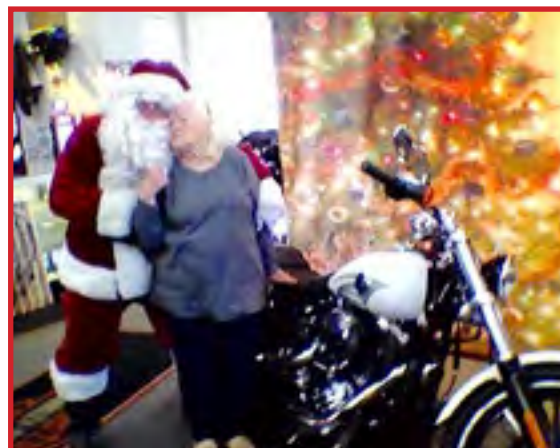
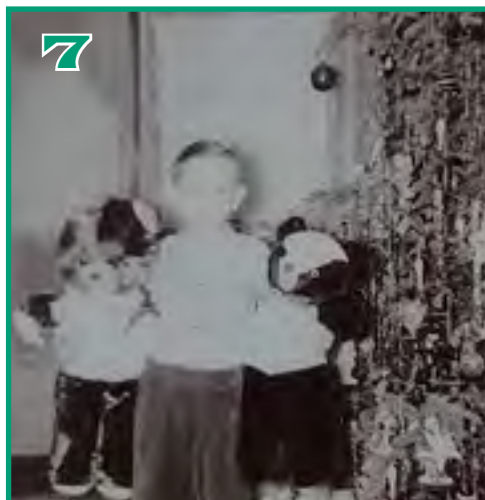
## New Life Riders Christmases Past

Yes, we New Life Riders were little once, too! Can you guess who we are? Some members were camera shy or just couldn't go back into the archives.

Here are the NLRs shown...  
see if you can match us up:

Al, Byron, Dave, Jack,  
Renee, Ron, and Terry.

Terry's mom is in the lower right.



And honorary New Life Rider Dolores Krumeich (at 93)  
with Santa, at a dealer's Christmas event, 12/5/2015.

## Blessed Be The Ride That Binds *By Dave Stryker*

Throughout the riding season, it's always fun to see familiar faces at multiple events. In the beginning of the season it may just be a face or bike in the crowd that grabs your attention, but you never get a chance for a conversation. As the season progresses, you recognize the bike or person behind the helmet and chat a little, maybe exchange a phone number or email address. By the end of the season, a friendship has developed and you're texting to your new buddies: *Happy Thanksgiving*, *Merry Christmas* or *Happy New Year*; see you when the weather warms up.

I've acquired some new friendships over the past couple years. I met Marc from Staten Island at a Rollin' Fast bike night. We stayed in touch and I eventually did a mild restoration on his 1978 Honda Z50. We've hung out a few times at my house. William became a pal after I saw his vintage Kawasaki 100 at the *Gathering of the Nortons* rally on Route 12 in Frenchtown. We've met up regularly at Flemington Powersports' bike nights and talked about dirt bike racing and vintage two-stroke machines. I met Glen and Jeff at the *Bridgewater Rotary Ride for Veterans*, and after we enjoyed lunch together we did a "ride after the ride" before heading home. Imagine a BMW, a Harley Davidson and an Aprilia out riding together, enjoying a beautiful day and county roads with detours along the route. We text occasionally and are planning future get-togethers.

Two wheels and the freedom experienced on the open road is our common denominator. Everyone has a story to tell and it's a thrill to hear others' experiences of long-past and current rides. The rides and the machines draw us together and sharing the twists and turns of life opens up conversations to our humanity, victories, failures, and mortality, which opens the door to share Christ, forgiveness, salvation, and eternity. To think that everyday I have breath and swing a leg over the bike and head down the road there's another opportunity for another "Ride that Binds." *How can it get any better than that?*



## Goodbye To An Old Friend

There will be a hole at Calvary Bible Church in Whitehouse Station for some time to come. After generations of ministry at CBC, Pastor Ken Staples retired. None of us who know Pastor Ken believe it will last long. **Pictured at right:** *NLRs Dave and Terry join the CBC youth group and "PK" (as the kids affectionately call him).*



## Ladies "Tea for Missions"

New Life Riders Renee McFadden and Terry Slemmer attended the annual ladies tea at Old Rocks Church in Lambertville. Terri Marriott, wife of NLR Jack Marriott, and her helpers elaborately decorated Fellowship Hall with delicate tea pots, china cups and saucers, and beautiful centerpieces. The event raises funds for Old Rocks' missions outreach.

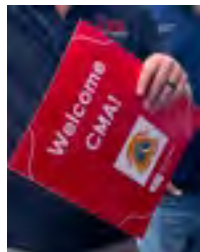
Tiffany Williams, daughter of Pastor Shirley (Honey's Child church), inspired us with her insights on the event's theme: *Worker for God's Harvest*.





## Guatemala Mission Trip Blessings

By Renee McFadden



Last year I read in CMA's *Heartbeat* magazine about an upcoming mission trip. I have a heart for mission trips, having been on many, local and overseas. Like most people, I gave it thought, got busy, and forgot about it. But then it was during a discussion with a good friend about

our walk with Jesus and how we should carry out our faith, that I decided to go on this mission trip. From that moment on, God blessed me and this trip in so many ways. I kept track of the 31 most outstanding blessings and posted them with pictures on Facebook. Here are a few:

- Free United Airlines round trip ticket to Houston to meet up with my fellow mission volunteers.
- "Found" money in my bank account paid for my Houston-to-Guatemala trip and back.
- Driven to Newark airport by a member of my church who would not accept payment.
- Two donations of dental supplies from a dentist friend and another from an orthodontist who has donated supplies to me for the fifth time.
- Thanks to my fellow NLR, Dave Stryker, who serviced my motorcycle while I was gone.
- The many people who were praying for me and the Guatemalan people.
- From the Houston airport, I called the number provided for a hotel shuttle many times without connecting. I began to pray. Soon, I was directed to the area for shuttle pick ups. There I saw a guy with his CMA vest and I knew I was in good company.
- Delighted to meet 13 members of our CMA mission team, four others from the Jesus Film Project and our one host from [Sendme.org](https://sendme.org). All are on fire for our Lord.



- Visited two schools, played with the children, watched the *Jesus* film with the children, and was so happy these young ones got to hear about Jesus and His saving grace.
- Happy to donate a suitcase full of dental products and coloring supplies to a school principal.
- Hopeful to hear about the [Sendme.org](https://sendme.org) plans to build a hospital on an empty, donated plot of land.
- Honored to visit a widow's home and meet her, play games with the children, and see what [Sendme.org](https://sendme.org) is doing there.
- Humbled to visit and pass out food to families in need and pray with them.
- Passed out angel jewelry to some people by the Hill of the Cross angel statue.
- Fun time bonding with my fellow mission trippers.
- Being able to share God's love and being an ambassador for Jesus to others.

My bible verse for this trip was Proverbs 2:8 "*He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to Him.*"

God did just this and much more. Overall, this was an amazing trip.



## New Life Riders' Anticipated 2025 Outreach and Events

*Promote the Christian Motorcyclists Association and New Life Riders, distribute new testaments, gospels of John, tracts, and more. Always looking for new members and opportunities to share the "good news" of Jesus Christ.*

Attend secular bike events, rides, fundraisers, swap meets.

Attend car shows, wearing vests, set up booth when possible: Somerville, Friday nights; Flemington, Saturday nights; Flemington Assembly of God Cars and Coffee event on Father's Day; Flemington Speedway Historical Society car show at Hunterdon County fairground.

Attend dealership special events.

NLR booth, monthly, 2nd Thursday, Rollin' Fast, Lebanon.

NLR booth, monthly, 3rd Thursday, Flemington Powersports.

NLR's *Operation Teddy Bear*: Distribute to fire stations; replenish rescue squads and police as needed.

NLR's Annual (13th) toy drive: Collect with the participation of PIT Crew and county churches.

NLR's Annual (14th) 9/11 Ride to every Hunterdon County first responder facility including police, fire, rescue squads, National Guard, Wildlife Management, and sheriff's and prosecutor's offices.

NLR PIT Crew: Maintain and expand contact with those who support, pray and partner with us.

NLR monthly church visits. Wear vests at our home churches on the fifth Sunday of the month.

NLR Prayer:

- Weekly: wearing vests, at McD's/Flemington
- Monthly: 7 a.m. Zoom call, third Thursday

Friendship Center for New Beginnings: Work days, diaper collections, gift cards, and more.

CMA events, such as:

- Tri-state Seasons of Refreshing, Jan 31-Feb 1, Atco, NJ
- CMA/NLR Leadership Training, Feb 22, Elkton, MD
- CMA Rally, Altoona, PA
- CMA National Day of Prayer, March 2
- Annual Run for the Son, first Saturday in May. Supports the Jesus Film Project, Global Christian Relief, and Missionary Ventures. <https://cmausa.org/Donate/Donate?Id=RFS#Runfortheson>

### POSSIBLE EVENTS:

NLR Biker Blessing at Flemington Powersports, April.

NLR booth at Flemington Home Depot for Memorial Day and/or Veterans Day.

NLR booth at Rolling Thunder/Memorial Day event.

NLR presentations (with or without booth) at PIT Crew and local churches, VBS, and wherever else we're invited!

NLR at the 4-H Fair, second year.

NLR prep to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country. New Jersey being a pivotal part of our country's birth, expecting many opportunities to participate.

Flemington Powersports: "Bikes & Bagels," first Saturday of month.

St. Jude fundraiser, sponsored and hosted by Metuchen Cross Country Powersports dealership.

## NLR Replenishes Its Storehouse for Upcoming Events

With riding season quickly approaching, we are busy preparing for our anticipated 2025 events. (Of course, God may intervene!)

Monthly bike nights, biker blessings, presentations, 4-H Fair, and so many other bike events bring plenty of opportunities to give gospel and CMA handouts. The little ones especially like the bible coloring books and balloons... oh, and the color-coded salvation wrist bands (accompanying trifold ensures the message travels with the band).

At our recent annual tri-state Seasons of Refreshing held in Atco, NJ, we took advantage of CMA's traveling "goodie" store and stocked up on the items we blast through during the year (*see picture at right*): Biker blessing stickers (300), kickstand coasters (five colors, 44), kids bible coloring books (250), wrist bands with trifold booklets (200 each), balloons (100), microfiber rag tracts (50), and two membership training manuals (we're optimistic!). All this in addition to the many hundreds of new testaments and gospels of John and gospel tracts we give out at events and on 9/11.



*Clockwise from top left: Gospel bracelets and trifolds, (orange "free gift") rag tracts, (small blue) biker blessing stickers, coloring books, kickstand coasters, emery boards, balloons, and membership training manuals.*



## Prayer & Praise

### INTERNATIONAL PRAYER POINT from CMA's *Heartbeat* magazine:

"May God work in each of our CMA International nations to build hope and faith to be on the forefront of evangelistic outreach in their nations. May they not get lulled into complacency by the comforts of life, but feel the fire and passion of faith and hope and love compelling them to reach out into the highways and byways of their nations."

**PRAY** for New Life Riders throughout this new year. That leadership will be in tune with our Lord for the ministry and influence He ordains through us here in Hunterdon County and beyond. And join us in praying for CMA's national, state and regional leaders.

**PRAY** for those affected by the recent disasters around our country: Hurricane Helene, California wildfires and now the tragedy over the Potomac River. NLRs is partnering with David Richey, CMA's North Carolina state coordinator, to help members in the devastated Asheville area. Our chapter has personally donated more than \$650 in Visa gift cards to help after their catastrophic losses. David Richey will hand off cards where most needed. Some members lost everything while others are able to clean up and repair.

**PRAISE** for NLR Renee McFadden's CMA Guatemalan mission trip,  
*See page four for Renee's story.*



## Call for Content

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

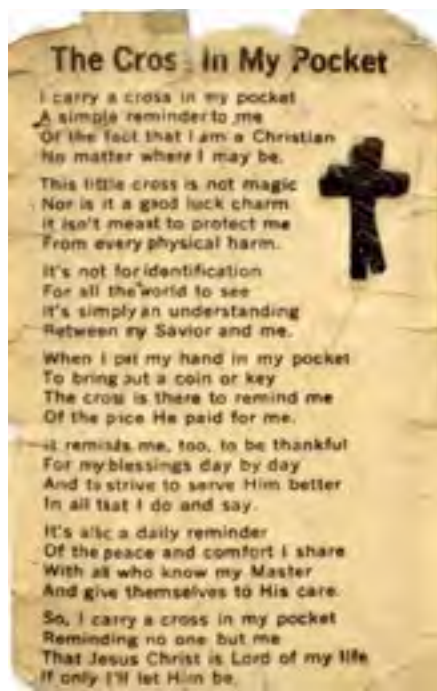
Send submissions to Terry at:

[TSjakeo@aol.com](mailto:TSjakeo@aol.com)

## The Cross In My Pocket *By Jack Marriott*

I purchased this card back in 1977 at a Bible bookstore in Jamison, PA. I was 16 and had just started my walk as a Christian. It was the first time I had been in a Christian book store. I remember I purchased my first bible, bible index tabs and this card. As a new Christian I liked the message and assurance it gave (and still gives me). I have had this card in my wallet for the past 48 years. It has brought me peace and comfort many times in those years.

As the card says:  
*"I carry this cross in my pocket, a simple reminder to me..."*



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