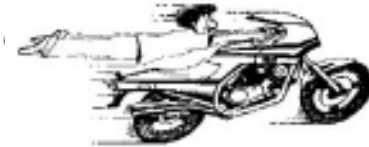


WHAT'S ON?

BIKERS 4 CHRIST BRISBANE/LOGAN



Outreach night Every Second Friday Night: All Outreach nights will recommence late January due to school holidays and family time out.

December 5th: We will be attending the **MRA Toy Run** from the city to Jindalee, meeting at Roscoe's at 7.30am, strap some toys on your bike and bring your swimmers and support kids that may be going without this year. Non Perishable food also accepted.

January 15th: Bikers 4 Christ Lunch time BBQ in the Park we start cooking at 1pm, find us at The "**Logan Gardens**" in **Civic Pde** (near the **Woodridge** Police Station). Look for the big Bikers 4 Christ Banner **ALL** invited, everything supplied soft drinks will be \$1 to recoup funds. Bring yourself and your kids, there is a great playground there. **RSVP for catering by 8th January Roscoe 3388 3980**

January Ride: Saturday 29th departing Roscoe's at 10am heading to waterfalls for a swim. Mystery Waterfall of course, I have to find one with water first!

January: The Friday night outreaches start again commencing on **Friday the 28th** with Dinner at the Logan Tavern with the Logan Ulysses

How to Reach Bikers with the Gospel!

God has shown me through different instances that if you are wondering how to reach Bikers the best way to do this is to affiliate with them! What I mean by this is that Rod has Joined the Logan Ulysses, I have joined the Southern Cross Association and by doing so, it has given us an acceptance and an in road to minister to these guys and girls. There are many other social clubs around like the MRA, Leisure Riders, Other Ulysses groups and social groups where maybe you feel you can fit in. It is just a matter of going to their monthly meeting and a ride or 2 and getting to know a few of them and help them out thereby showing the Love of God, sooner or later they approach you and you get to share with them in some way or another. Pray about it, think about, talk to me if you want or have any ideas and we will see where it all leads to. We are all called to be ministers of the Gospel, are you doing your part?

Bless ya, Roscoe

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Healing The Sick

So many times we go to church and get the Pastor to pray for us, or we go to Benny Hinn meeting looking to get healed, or we go visit some other "Great" preacher to get a touch from God. There are times when we get prayed for yet don't seem to get healed or like myself we watch the same people every meeting go out for prayer for the same ailment every week. **WHY?**

I was reading a book by Stuart Gramenz recently he is a travelling evangelist and "faith healer" if you would call it that. He wrote a book called "How to heal the sick" and it totally transformed my life, my thinking and my attitude towards praying for people. The book is rather long to actually fit here so I am going to attempt to condense it down and get the message across. For the past year or so I have been meditating on a particular scripture and this is the very scripture that he bounces everything he says off the Bible tells us in **Mar 16:15-18** *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

Break these verses up into three different segments or commands if you like which he gave to his disciples and you will come up with this..... **1.** Go and preach.... **2.** Cast out devils..... **3.** Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Stuart wrote that this is the basic formula for getting people healed but so many times we here preachers preaching prosperity or joy or peace and then call for a healing line. Stuart said that we need to preach healing if want healing! He then said some times it may be a typical illness like the flue or it may be a demon, like say a spirit of infirmity, and this needs to be discerned and cast out. Then he says follow the format of laying hands upon the sick and they shall recover, especially if it is only an illness like the flue.

Most of the time someone will ask us to pray for them because they are sick, but we tend to forget to first raise their faith up in the area of healing and get them expecting to be healed instead of them just thinking hopefully it will work. Most people know that God can heal but don't think that they can be healed! We have to preach how Jesus healed them 2000 years ago first before praying, we have to cast out or break the power of the enemy first, then lay hands on them.

Stuart explained healing like this and I liked it, we are like a car battery, we are full of power but unless we have the leads hooked up the car will not go. We have the Holy Spirit within us and our hands are the leads with the power flowing through them, we need to make contact in some way to get that power flowing through. A car can be hooked up and the power flowing and it can be ready to start but unless we turn the key, nothing happens. We don't actually see the power flowing in, so when things don't happen after prayer people think they have not been healed, but you can not see that power flowing in just like the car, to turn the key of that healing is to preach healing first and after thank God for the Holy Spirit power flowing in us and keep thanking him, otherwise we turn the key off and everything stops.

So the devil has been cast out if that is what was needed, hands were laid on us and we received; bingo, we get healed no more pain it is Gone and we testify to it... Then one day a twinge of pain returns, oh no we have lost our healing?? **No**, it is this; the devil saw you get healed of that cold and he didn't like it so now he is trying to place **ANOTHER** cold on you. When people get healed by God they get healed! The devil just tries to trick us and place symptoms back on us for another dose of whatever that disease or illness was.

The book goes on to explain the different levels of faith, that we can all lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, it explains that most times people are healed by this way and very rarely do people get healed by the "gifts of healings" because it is always "as the spirit wills" not how we would want it. It explains about how Jesus done different things to make people stand up or go and wash your eyes or how the ladies faith healed her because she touched the hem of his garment. The book is a teaching manual for you and I on how to pray for the sick and see them recover, it explains about recovery times, that some times it is instant and sometimes it may take a while, like the cripple at the pool he was healed instantly, but the centurion's boy began to get better at the same hour etc.

It explains a lot of things that I could never fit in here even if I wanted to. It teaches about commanding healing, praying quietly for healing, about using oil or cloths, about praying for people that are not actually in front of you, it explains some different illnesses, and has a few great testimonies in it of what Stuart has seen with his eyes. People getting up out of wheel chairs, deaf ears opened, the blind seeing and not only overseas but here in Australia as well, he comes and has healing seminars where he teaches for weeks on how to heal the sick and then he invites everyone who knows someone who is sick to bring them along, he then gets the class to pray for them and he has seen some wonderful things happen.

Healing is one of those things that I have never really understood or got a revelation of even though I have been healed myself, yet I still have a hearing disability and so do my children. There are many things that we don't understand in the word of God and some things we do understand. One thing to remember is that the Bible tells us that we only know in part in **1Corinthians 13v8-10**. That is why we are all part of the body, one person may have a revelation of healing and another a revelation of prosperity, yet another a revelation of Joy or peace or some other thing in the word, that is why we all have to work together as the body of Christ. One thing we need to understand is that the Holy Spirit and the word of God is all we have and those 2 things we all have in common throughout the world regardless of belief or denomination. **Bless ya ~ Roscoe**



SUBSCRIPTION DUE!!!

This newsletter costs a little to get out. If you would like to continue to receive it throughout 2005 it is only **\$10 per year. Not a lot!** Subscription is due **before January** otherwise those who have not paid the subscription will be removed from the mailing list which currently stands at 57 newsletters going out each month.

As you pay your subscription, this newsletter (**December**) will have a "**Paid**" stamp over this section for each person who has paid. As of the January Newsletter our mailing list will be reduced, so **if you have not paid your subscription you will not receive the January newsletter.**

Thank you to all for your support throughout the year, have a great Christmas and New year.

Subscription can be sent to the PO Box via Cheque or Money Order made out to "Bikers 4 Christ" or contact Roscoe on 3388 3980 to give cash.

Prayer Needs / Praise Points

If you have a prayer request send them to us via email, sms, or telephone call. All details are on the front page header of this newsletter.

Thankyou to all who prayed for my Dad who had the stroke. He made a miraculous recovery within a week he was up walking out of hospital under his own strength and within another week he kicked me out! All the thanks I got for going to help him.... anyway he is all but back to normal with the exception of his mind, it is not quite working the right way, so keep him in your prayers especially for salvation and thanks again. I am back home again now and things are starting to get back to normal. **Bless ya's ~ Roscoe.**

TECH TIPS:

Did You Know???

That as of the 1st of December 2004 that LRP Petrol is going to be phased out? Nope neither did I, I stopped in a garage in Maryborough recently and they had a sign up on the LRP Bowser "No LRP Fuel", not that it worried me as I use High Octane Unleaded. Upon paying for my fuel I commented "a lot of people here must use LRP for you to run out" the reply was "No, they are phasing it out as of December so we are not worried about getting any more of it".

Well shock surprise for me! What about all those old cars that run on LRP, Lead is a cooling agent for the valves? The lady pointed to the shelf where there was literally dozens of bottles of "Flash Lube" which is the additive I place in my bike to run unleaded so I don't burn out my valves. So do you have a vehicle that was made prior to **1986**? If so and you see the bowser start to stop having LRP, make sure you get yourself some "Flash Lube" otherwise if you run a straight High octane unleaded you will eventually start to burn out your valves, lead is a cooling agent and you must have it in older vehicles **prior to 1986.**



**One Candle gives out a little light
Three candles gives out a great
light.**



Input Needed!

Many Bikers out there that have met us are now starting to access our web site! I know this by the emails and conversations I am having and others in Bikers 4 Christ as well, with other club riders. The web is now becoming a great tool of evangelism and a great way to reach other Bikers in the privacy of their own home without them being embarrassed because friends are around. I can only do so much in this newsletter and this newsletter also goes up onto the web site. Personal testimonies go onto the web site as well, so this is a chance for you to reach someone! I need ideas and input for this newsletter as well! Make this opportunity your opportunity, email me, write something down and get it to me whatever ~ **Roscoe**.

For Sale

2003 model Kawasaki VN 800 Vulcan Classic. (Rodriguez's Bike) has heaps of customising on it and low Klm's. Custom rear Guard, Polished Stainless Steel Bar and Rack, 21" Front Wheel, highly polished and an excellent looking bike, you won't find any better. \$9850. For more info **contact Rod on 0413 302 509**

Bikers 4 Christ Library:

We are currently in the process of purchasing a few Christian videos, like end times type movies, Bible stories, and we also have a rather large collection of Christian Books.

This Library is available to all and any to borrow products free of charge (unless you lose something). All you need to do is contact Roscoe, arrange a time to pick up or browse through and leave your details upon borrowing an item. The Library will commence being used by late January 2005. For more details contact Roscoe on 0412 490 115.



Welcome To:

More riders have become part of Bikers 4 Christ and we welcome you and pray that God blesses you and keeps you upright not only on your bike but also in Jesus!

Raymond Crouch our youngest male Bikers 4 Christ. He is Roscoe's Son and has just acquired his own Yamaha XS 750 Triple, although he has a few years to wait before he can ride it, he is a regular on the back with Roscoe on rides.

Tara Woolf Our youngest female Bikers 4 Christ who happens to be a very frequent pillion with her Dad Dave on the Harley.

Steve Nelson from the salvation Army church who happens to live in Canberra, but is moving this next month to the sunny Gold Coast, a nice bloke because he Rides a Yamaha.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

To all who have supported Bikers 4 Christ and each other throughout the year I wish all a great Christmas and New Year! Thankyou to everyone who has been involved in whatever way through the year as Bikers 4 Christ is only what you make of it. It has been a great year with some serious ministry happening and things getting more frequent and people getting a little more involved and helping me and Rod out. A Big thanks to Rod for all you have done mate, you have been the backbone of all that has happened and encouraged me heaps. We have seen a few marriages this year and still have one to go on new Years Eve, Rod has the pleasure of marrying his Logan Ulysses President (To his lady of course) with me officiating.

We have seen a few people make dedications this year, finances have been average and we were able to help a few people in the community in different areas as well as helping some of our own at times. Some people have come along and others have kept on riding through but numbers have basically grown steadily. God has blessed us with material things needed to run Bikers 4 Christ as well as the little things that count (like coffee) and all I can say is thankyou Jesus! To you Lord be all the praise and Glory!

Have a safe festive season everyone, stay upright and lets do it all again next year, God Bless keep those shiny sides up. **Roscoe**.

Testimony.... Rodriguez (*Alias Gringo*)

Basically up until the age of 12 I was Perfect!!! Then I stole my first car, discovered drinking booze, chasing girlies, smoking Dope and being influenced heavily by the bike clubs I'd witnessed riding through Sydney with a member sitting backwards on a bike passing out beer to his mates as they screamed through the suburbs with no helmets and denim "cut offs". I was expelled from my first High school that I attended which was a bit hap hazard as I started out as the Dux of the form and ended up being expelled??? Don't know why! I left home when I was 14 and got a job as a chrome plater and lived in a bungalow out the back of some joint and was paid \$47 per week which covered my rent, food and booze. Around this time I purchased my first road bike an Ex police BSA - A65 650. A Besa with Ape hangers of course and no rego, I started hanging out with a local bike gang that took me on board as a young mascot.

Things didn't quite go to plan when I found myself married before I was 17 with my first child on the way, this was disastrous as alcohol was playing a large part and devastating my life, losing jobs, playing up on my wife just in general I was an "A Hole". Eight years past by and divorce was imminent. Life was basically a turmoil and the following two years I was continually drunk and stoned and out of work. Finding myself living in a squat eating out of garbage cans and no bike. One story comes to mind of me meeting a friend who I had met three times, but each time not knowing I met her before, we are still mates today. I got myself together enough to get work and back onto a bike but the alcohol and the drugs were still playing a huge part of my life and I'd now picked up the nickname "Animal".

Another relationship formed, another marriage and an attempt to deal with the alcohol and drug problems which led me to alcoholics anonymous where they believe that the first step to recovery is handing over or submitting your life to a higher power (God as you understand him). I had no understanding of God but really wanted to stop this destructive cycle in my life so I sought out a member of God Squad CMC Melbourne to find out about this God stuff!

That was about 1985 when I finally came to the belief that handing my life over to Jesus was the only way that my life was going to get on track and that it did for some ten years. In this time I had 2 more children and rode with the Longriders CMC for a couple of years then founded CMA South Australia. I was taking the Christian message to Bike Rallies with the CMA as this was and still is my hearts desire and where I believe Jesus wants me to be. I still had some conflict in my life due to the fact that my wife was at home having children and I was out on the road with Christian Riders preaching the gospel. This placed stress on my marriage as well as my Christian Walk not to mention that I was trying to sustain a severe Back Injury which took it's toll after 5 operations and eventually everything lead from one thing to another becoming addicted to prescription medication which work cover generously paid for.

All the side effects of the medication led to depression, being already depressed recovering from operation after operation I fell into a deeper state of depression than I have ever experienced. This took it's toll on my family life and then I made the foolish mistake of taking my eyes off Jesus and going back to living in the world again without living my Christian walk. Needless to say it didn't take the old devil long to stuff up that relationship, another divorce was upon me, I had sunk that deep into the booze and the drugs again that the devil confused me into believing that ending my life was the only way out of this pain.



I moved to QLD and was followed by my best mate Deb who is now my wife, we lived together not really living for Jesus. We both liked to drink and alcohol was a major factor that was destroying yet another one of my relationships and the fact that we didn't have Jesus to guide us through the many issues we had brought with us from previous relationships. In the midst of all this we have seven children between us, four from my previous 2 relationships and 3 from Deb's 2 prior relationships, the age group ranging from 6 years old to 23 year old. This brought added complications to our relationship with everybody fighting for a position in the pecking order within our mixed up families.



After living without Jesus in our lives and all these factors around us I finally decided to re-dedicated my life to the Lord and it wasn't long after that Deb followed and gave her life to the Lord as well. With attempting to follow a biblical principle for our lives and placing our focus toward God and not ourselves we found some issues disappeared and others we work on daily. We separated and Deb moved into her own flat and we both concentrated on our walks with Jesus as well as having a relationship for the first time which was uncomplicated and clean before

God prior to marriage. This was new to both of us and we found ourselves not having the complication of what intimacy brings to a relationship without the blessing of marriage between ourselves and God.

In June 2004 we were married by our mate Roscoe who is also a marriage celebrant and member of Bikers 4 Christ Fellowship and have been on fire for our Lord Jesus ever since. Life is still not easy but it is a lot more sane and manageable this way. We are both members of the Bikers 4 Christ Fellowship and are actively out there on the road riding for the Son. Jesus has taken away all the yearning for alcohol and drugs, He has opened our eyes to the way the devil is deceiving the world and how he is breaking up relationships using all forms of addictions including alcohol, drugs, gambling, sexual immorality, financial hardship with the easily available range of credit from companies regardless of financial status, internet relationships and much more.

I now spend my days attempting to live life as Jesus would want me to. I am still in the bike scene of course but with Jesus as my pillion, (and Deb of course). I have also joined the Logan Ulysses club and have found them to be a great bunch of people and very respectful of where I am at as a Christian. They are at many rallies we attend and we always encourage them to come to our Bikers church which we hold of a Sunday morning on site. I have been honoured by the president of the Logan Ulysses (Chillidog) and his lady (Scruff) to perform their wedding On New years Eve at Esk with Roscoe as the officiate. Their club has in general accepted both myself and Deb into the Ulysses fold and we continue to make mates the more we se them. I even had the pleasure of being able to buy for them all one Christmas, "The Aussie Bible" and give them all out to them at a monthly meeting which they were all receptive to.

Somewhere in the near future we are heading off around Australia under the Bikers 4 Christ Banner to take the gospel and the idea of Bikers 4 Christ Fellowship to other like-minded Christian Bikers and catch up with all the other Ulysses branches around Australia, some I will have the opportunity to share what the gospel has done for me in my life.

Adios Amigos Rod.