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We have received more testimonies for the internet but the more the merrier so get your testimony in and it will also be placed in a newsletter somewhere along the track. We are averaging over 10 hits per day onto the web page and getting some good feed back from it, so be a part of being a blessing to others for free.

Shirt Orders

Order now for Bikers 4 Christ T-shirts as it may be a while before the next order.

* **Long Sleeve** shirts with the Logo on the front and Bikers 4 Christ written down both sleeves **\$25 Each**

* **Short Sleeve** with the Logo on the front and a smaller Logo on each sleeve **\$15 ea**

* **Muscle** shirt with just the logo on the front **\$15 ea**

All shirts are a royal blue in colour and must be prepaid at ordering, if you have already ordered and not yet paid please ring Roscoe and arrange payment.



Need Intercessory Prayer, or maybe a friendly chat or a listening ear?

Marina is an Honorary Bikers 4 Christ and has supported us financially and prayerfully from the word go and also in my life prior. If you have a need that is a prayer need, Marina will go before the throne of God on your behalf on a daily basis in intercession. You decide if you give your name or all the details or just ring her to ask for prayer for healing, finances or whatever the need may be without divulging personal information, entirely up to you! Marina has offered and asked that this be placed in the newsletter as she feels this is what God would have her do.

Marina can be contacted on **3808 8664** or by email on marinaj@smartchat.net.au please keep contact at reasonable hours unless in emergency.

Mary and Martha

Sometimes we may not see it in our lives, but are we rushing around too much doing things and serving people and forgetting the better things of life like praise, worship, meditating the word of God and fellowship with others. Who do you see yourself in? Be honest as you read the following passages, about who you are and who you should be. Martha is the person running around, Mary is the person spending time in the presence of the Lord.

Luke 10:38-42 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was **distracted** with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are **anxious and troubled** about many things; **one thing is needful**. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

The above will show you that Martha accepted Jesus, just like you and me so basically she would have been saved if here today, but she was "distracted". She then became anxious and troubled with many things, why? Because maybe she had not spent enough time in the presence of the Lord. **Joh 11:1** Tells us that Mary was the one who anointed Jesus therefore Jesus met Martha and Lazarus through that instance of hope found in Mary's life. Mary must have been a troubled person but now she sits at the feet of Jesus and has not a care in the world.

Joh 11:17-22 If you read this passage you will see that again martha is not spending time in the Lord but running around again while Mary sits quietly in the house doing what? Most likely worshipping the Lord with hymns or psalms, who knows but look at the difference of the effect of each person meeting with Jesus in the next paragraphs. **Joh 11:28-33** Even though Mary said the same words as Martha concerning her brothers death, still Jesus saw a different person in Mary as to Martha because Jesus wept with her and all the others, maybe he knew what Mary had been doing, maybe she had been spending time with the Father, I believe so. Martha got Mary saying the Lord wants you, and then Lazarus is raised from the dead why didn't Jesus do it when Martha spoke the same words?

Joh 12:1 Again Jesus comes to their house but still Martha serves and Mary and Lazarus are sitting at the table with Jesus, and Mary again anoints Jesus with ointment and oil. Why was the Apostle John so specific about Mary and Martha and Lazarus, I believe because there are 2 types of Christians, ones that serve and rush around too much and find themselves in troubles that they don't know how to answer, then their are those like Mary and Lazarus who spend time in the presence of the Lord and the peace of God is on their lives, certainly on Lazarus' life anyway and Mary's.

Yes there are people in the body of Christ who are called to serve, Jesus said the greatest of you all will be the servant the most, so that means all of us are called to serve, but we have to discern when we have to serve and when we have to spend time in the presence of God, we must have a balance otherwise we become like Martha upset, uptight, and jealous and too busy to listen to what the Lord may want to say to us. This has happened to me, counting tithes and offerings instead of listening to the service at church, I dried up, again I had not a choice until I took a firm stand and said "no more" we are not slaves to our peers, we are equal and their are plenty more in the body of Christ, don't burn yourself out! Spend as much time with the Lord as possible!

A Visit from Bikers 4 Christ Whitsundays.

Hi I'm Aussie. In December I planned to visit Bikers 4 Christ in Brisbane but flew straight through to Victoria first, I was only there a short time spending Christmas with my Family and planning to drop in on the way back when I received information that my property caretaker had been involved in an accident on his motorcycle and was a bit smashed up, so I flew straight back again to Bowen. I stayed home for a bout 2 weeks ensuring that my friend "Panty" was going to be OK and then headed back to Brisbane by train.

I got a train all the way to Kingston where Roscoe came to pick me up but had forgotten to bring a skid lid so he returned home and got one for me and I stayed 2 nights at Roscoe's where a few of the Bikers 4 Christ came over for a meeting and we had some great fellowship, it was great to catch up with many and see their dedication and enthusiasm of all concerned, I was also announced the local 'hero' because I went pillion with Roscoe but that is another story, one that many down there tell me they know well!

My 3rd night in Brisbane I stayed at Dave Honan's place and Joel and Heta dropped on over from Beaudesert for a visit, I was impressed with Joel and his heart after Jesus and doing of God's work reaching lost and lonely people (bless ya Joel). We had a terrific time at Dave's ministering to one another and Dave's little flat was filled with words of wisdom, enlightenment, praise and prayer. It was sad to leave them all and head south again but I travelled with great peace and expectancy that God was going to do great things.



I headed for Victoria and along the way handed out approx 400 tracts, 100 B4C Cards and 10 Bibles, witnessing the love of God to people along the way. In Melbourne I stayed with a family and caught up with some members of the CMA, I then travelled to Adelaide and met up with another CMA Director and the secretary. On one evening with the CMA we had a BBQ which turned out to be a cold chook and salad (strange, crow eater BBQ) ah! I then visited Adelaide for 3 days and Mt Gambier to visit my brother and returned to Broadford. Then I was off to Shepparton to see how my Chopper was coming along, after viewing how good it was I came up with a few more classic customising ideas that are going to cost heaps more \$\$\$\$\$. Estimated completion is around May 2004 so it was back to the grindstone for the oxford scholars..

On returning to Bowen QLD I had a 3 Hr stop over at Brisbane and Roscoe came up to say Hi we once again had a great time of fellowship and sharing with people at the Roma St transit Centre. I put forward some ideas and of having a flag flying from the rear of the bike that looked the same as the T-shirts and Roscoe thought it was a good idea, it is a 70's thing. It was great to meet all the B4C folk, thanks heaps to Roscoe, Sharon, and Dave for your hospitality. Hope to fellowship with you all again soon. Don't forget the Bowen gathering and evangelistic weekend in June, (postponed from May), there will be Christian bands, street witnessing and all that dark ages stuff of the 70's that they call revival today in churches (more info from Roscoe). Hope to see you all again real soon God bless and bye for now.

Aussie - Bikers 4 Christ Whitsundays Region.

RON'S TESTIMONY

I grew up in a house with 2 brothers and 2 sisters until I was about 6-7 years of age when my parents split up. Then my youngest sister was given to relatives and my father took care of the rest of us, as my mother was not around. My Dad and my Auntie tried their best as they both worked; we were put in a home for children about 6 months later.

My brother Peter played up when Dad dropped us off, but we stayed there for about 6 to 12 months before my mother picked us up with her boyfriend to move to Newcastle in which we only stayed there for about a year or so. We left in the middle of the night to move to QLD with Mum and her boyfriend. Not long after that the abuse started from the boyfriend with my sister and myself.

This would have went on for about 2 years, and about that time I noticed later in life that was the time I started getting in trouble, like getting into fights at school and also stealing from the shop at the caravan park we were living at and not understanding why this was happening being only 9-10 years of age. When I was 11 years of I went to live with my father in Sydney not long after mum broke up with her boyfriend.

I was hoping things would improve but things got worse as I was starting fires, and starting fights with my stepbrothers in Sydney. I started wagging school; lying to my father because I felt he did not love so before I knew about it I was back with my mother in QLD still getting in a lot of trouble and my mother didn't know why this was happening. At this stage I was a teenager, even though everything was getting out of hand and later I was in trouble with the police for break & enter and other offences while I was wagging school.

My mother was still in and out of relationships in which I never had that good father figure. After court I went to this youth group when I first gave my heart to the lord 3 days before my 15th birthday which changed my life and that was in 1979. But since then I have made some bad choices as I have backslidden a few times. I have run away from God in which it was not a good idea. I have had my brush with the law since then but the Lord has saved me from that.

Through some counseling and learning how to face my past but most of all with the Lord has helped I am a better person today. Even though my mother could not find that right father figure the lord has filled that position and I am thankful for that. For the last ten years the lord has stabilized my Christian walk, and in the last five years brought me so far to help me be a good husband & father.

More Testimonies needed for both the newsletter and the internet, get them in and touch another person's life. No ones testimony is insignificant, we all have a part to play sharing about the Love of Jesus in our lives with others.