

Merry Christmas from your friends at Racing with Jesus Ministries,

As the year comes to a close we reflect on what your faithful support has allowed us to accomplish through this ministry. I wanted to give you a glimpse of our personal side. Allow me to introduce Todd and Crystal Heft. Todd is one of our newer Chaplains, He and his wife share what being a part of this ministry has meant to them and their family.

Todd writes; I have long felt comfortable supporting various ministries from behind the scenes but God had other plans. In 2018 He began nudging me into the front lines as I began to serve at more races. What I found at the Race Track week after week, up and down the Northeast, was a community of people God wants me to serve in person, face-to-face. While serving at the tracks, God has given me a heart and a love for His people that I never expected. Week after week I see God using the RWJM team to draw people closer to Him, to comfort them in hard times and celebrate with them in victory. I've witnessed people with hard hearts soften and begin relationships with Jesus. I've seen some who have refused prayer for years reach out and ask for it. I never expected to be so explicitly involved in His kingdom work and I believe God will use me and the entire RWJM team in mighty ways in the 2020 season and I can't wait to get started

Crystal adds, My husband Todd Heft has been a Chaplain with RWJM for just about two years. What began as an extension of his technology and media ministry has grown into much more. I thought being involved with RWJM might bring back that old interest that he lost when his dad passed and he'd be drawn back to the track. I was right! However, that was just the beginning. Yes, my husband loves to watch racing again but that isn't the important thing. In the two years since Todd began serving with RWJM I've seen him transformed. Todd has always been a loving and attentive husband and father to our four children. He's always had a heart for God and serving Him. But now he also has the most amazing heart for people. I guess I would say God has given Todd His love for humanity. I've seen my husband grow into a man who loves his family, his co-workers, and every person he meets more deeply than I could ever imagined. Thank you RWJM. I never could have anticipated such a gift.

Todd continues; The racing community has welcomed me with open arms and I've seen God at work in the hearts of the people there. I never expected to be so explicitly involved in His kingdom work and I believe God will use me and the entire RWJM team in mighty ways in the 2020 season and I can't wait to get started.

Thank you for your faithful support. May God's blessing be with you.

Serving in his name, Rev. Don Rivers