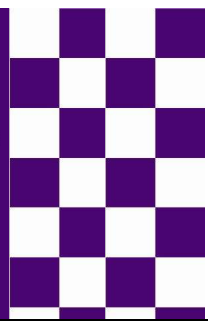




## We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ Romans 1:16



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

This racing season has produced some terrific races and some tremendous opportunities to share the good news. This also will be remembered as a historic racing season in that we have put in place our first paid staff member. More on that later, we want to thank you for your dedication and commitment to partner with us in spreading the Good News of the gospel.

As I wrote at the beginning of the season we need to trust God and exercise faith as we step out beyond our own comfort zones. God provided Emmanuel Baptist Church in West Springfield, MA who called me as their Pastor. The blessing being, they are a mission minded church and were willing to share me with Racing with Jesus Ministries. That along with the RWJM Board voting to provide additional support and our Coffee Shop, The Daily Grind Café, challenged me to step out on faith. Well, on June 1<sup>st</sup> I gave my notice to my day job.

God demonstrated in the days after that decision confirmation that this was His direction for Lynda and me. RWJM received a tremendous blessing in a sizable contribution to this ministry. That made two such contributions we received in response to our prayers. Along with that God also blessed us by providing for a portion of our medical insurance. We have been blessed.

Racing with Jesus Ministries has also been blessed with many dedicated Chaplains that serve God and the racing family at tracks around the country. Dan and I want to express our thanks to them for stepping out on faith and serving God. Please remember to keep them in your prayers and if you happen to meet them, let them know how much their service means to you.

We are hitting the most challenging stretch of the season as August sees us headed to seven different venues including the likes of Martinsville, Bristol, Stafford, Thompson and Lime Rock. We will also have the pleasure of performing a couple of weddings along the way. God continues to expand our territory. Please keep our travel in your prayers.

God has been faithful and provides the additional resources that have taken this ministry to where He is leading us. We are able to see God's plan unfold before us. Pray that we would honor God in all that we do. Pray that we continue to have the trust and faith to go and minister.

A scripture verse that has been near my heart throughout this time has been this one from Hebrews 11:1 :

**Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**

God did not reveal the source of the blessings he provided for this ministry until we stepped out on faith. True faith doesn't wait until everything is in place, it trusts that God will keep His word and provide for our needs. God did not create the world out of what was seen but what was unseen. In the same way He brings out the hidden abilities in all of us who are willing to follow Him. I encourage you to step out on faith and trust God.

Again, Thank you for your continued support, both in prayer and financially. It is your willingness to give that makes this all possible. Please do not hesitate to share with us your prayer concerns. We are always available to pray with you and to help you through the challenges life brings our way.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Rev. Don Rivers  
Racing with Jesus Ministries

