



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



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

Springtime, a time for things to blossom; the race season has begun and the hope of new opportunities surrounds us. Exciting things are happening and you are a part of that. We are spreading out; we have been invited into more places to do the work of our Lord. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in partnering with us to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Already this year we have traveled coast to coast and in between. God has provided open doors and open hearts for His Word. As the season gets underway in the Northeast we have already seen God's hand of provision.

Racing with Jesus Ministries held their first training retreat, Tuning Up, to run the race in such a way as to win. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, teaching, learning and worship. Along the way we trained more workers to reach out to the racing community. We are excited about where God will lead them.

We are always asking for you to pray for us and I wanted to share with you an answer to one of those prayers. I was contacted recently by Scott Martin, a missionary to Africa who had returned home. He asked if there might be a place for him at RWJM. We met and a few short days later he was with me at Waterford. Scott has come on board to help in any way he can. We will put him to good use.

Spring is an exciting time, new beginnings, new life, new hope; it reminds me of the new life I received in Christ, once dead with sin, now alive through Him. The spring of living water renewed my hope and given me life. One of the difficulties with this new life is living like we really have been given a new start. We somehow don't believe that God meant what he said. If we did we would live differently.

In a song Steven Curtis Chapman sings he says, "This is life I've been given. I was a dead man who has been called out of the grave. Wake the neighbors, make some noise!" You know what's neat about a spring morning, the noise! You've heard it, birds singing, the world waking up, racecars revving, ah the sounds of spring. Have you been given a new lease on life? Ephesians tells us;

*Eph. 4:23b-24; There must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness--righteous, holy, and true.*

I encourage you to make some noise, sing a new song, this is life we have been given; we have been called out of the grave. Demonstrate it in the way we live; not demanding to be served but demonstrating humility with a servant's heart, obedient to God's will; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. That will make a difference in your life and the life of someone else.

Again, thank you for your continued support, both in prayer and financially. It is your willingness to give that makes this all possible. We have taken some pretty big steps and need your help to continue to grow. Please make every effort to remember us in your giving. We are always available to pray with you and to help you through the challenges life brings your way.

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