



FUELING VICTORIES IN CHRIST

Greetings from your friends at Racing with Jesus Ministries. As we enter the heart of the 2023 season we can see the hand of God leading us. He continues to grow our territory and expand our reach. He does that by enabling us to be in more places at one time. One weekend we were at 7 different tracks covered with 9 chaplains and a few helpers by their side. God has been faithful to add workers to the harvest. We can only

do this with you alongside. Thank you all for your continued support.

June 5 was the anniversary of Rev. Pat's homecoming. He founded this ministry in October of 1980 and we are still going, 43 years! To quote Richard Petty's crew chief, Dale Inman, "It hasn't always been this easy." As we all know there are



bumps in the road, days of discouragement and times when we wonder if it is all worth the effort. Let me assure you, it is!

As I was walking through the garage area at Stafford Motor Speedway during the Spring Sizzler a familiar voice cried out my name. I recognized the voice but in disbelief I told myself no, it couldn't be him. The voice persisted; "Hey Don, you have a minute, I'd like to talk." I stopped and turned to see a driver motion me to join him, lean on the rear spoiler and talk a little.

I have known him for over twenty years. Rev. Dan has known him longer. I think it is safe to say he wasn't someone we thought noticed us or what we did for the old Busch North Series, but he did.

The first words out of his mouth were thank you, I appreciate all you guys do for us racers. He went on to share how he had faced death during Covid and remembered our efforts. He survived and just wanted to let us know that we made a difference; in his life and everyone else's too. We had a great talk and I look forward to seeing him again soon to talk more about a decision he has to make.



God is at work, even when we don't see it. He is using our efforts to transform those whose presence we are in for His glory. Some days He shows us all that we are accomplishing for Him!

When Rev. Dan and I were asked to continue this ministry by Rev. Pat, as he prepared to go home, we inherited the two Dodge Intrepid Pacecars. They have been used thoroughly,



seeing the 300K millage mark. We have been through several iterations since, I personally have put 500k miles on their replacements, which are still in service with other chaplains in the ministry. Eighteen Years later we have come full circle, the twins are back as we recently replaced Dan's 10+-year-old Toyota. We receive many comments from people who see us on the road and are encouraged by the name of Jesus.

Romans 10:13-15 reminds us; For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"



Thank you again for your partnership. Please continue to lift up our chaplains. Pray that we would find favor with those who desire to know the saving grace that Jesus offers.

In His Service, Rev. Don Rivers and the entire RWJM Team

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