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Changing the world, one heart at a time.

CMA

CMA's policy is that we remain in a neutral position so that our ministry is not compromised. So, if something we are saying or doing while we are evangelizing places us in a position that invites opposition, it's time to shut up. I hope the reader understands the wisdom of this policy. God wants a relationship with every individual. It's what Christ died for. Psalm 139:13 says, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." We are His precious creation. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." Every human being bears the image of God. They may rebel against it, but the fact remains. Our purpose is to make ourselves available for the Holy Spirit to lead our neighbors to Christ. Who is our neighbor? Everyone is our neighbor. It doesn't matter what a person's political opinion is. It doesn't matter if a person is wrong about everything they think, do, or say. They only must be right about one thing. That they accept our Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior. Once people repent and deny themselves to follow Jesus as Lord they will search God's word and come to understand Him more by degrees. We don't have to be concerned about where they are in their understanding, just willing to disciple them. God accepts them where they are. Don't we offer grace to a weaker brother? God is in the business of changing hearts and transforming minds, not us. Our speech must be seasoned with salt so we are not trumpeting our political beliefs in public. Why? Because when we are in public, we are either evangelizing or turning people away. It can be from an overheard conversation. If we reject everything a person has come to believe, why would they listen to us tell them about our savior? 1

Peter 3:15 says, "...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." I'm not suggesting that we agree with them, but we (I) need to learn when to be silent. God will change hearts if we let Him work. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Today's political climate is extremely divisive and political rhetoric has seeped into the church. I think one reason is that many viewpoints are on the side of sin. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God loves us whether we love Him back or not. The gift of salvation is intended for all humankind. It amazes me that a person born in a Muslim country and indoctrinated in Islam all his life could reject all of his family's beliefs and traditions to follow Jesus. Changes like this are happening all over the world. Of course we are concerned about right and wrong, but my mind was not transformed overnight, it was, and is, a process. I only need to know my place in the process of reaching unbelievers, and trust God to fulfill His promises.



Bill Jones
President, GodSpeed Riders
CMA Chapter 1295

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Chaplain's Corner



Conversation: Make It Better for Christ

As Christian motorcyclists, we have a desire to reach people with the love of Jesus. That is why we need to be able to draw them into meaningful conversations.

In this newsletter, I would like to take some excerpts from an article by Jim Elliff of Christian Communicators Worldwide. Good conversation went fugitive with the invasion of electronic media. Yet we all long for it. There is an art to developing conversation, granted, but we should be committed to the process. In my view, Jim wrote, it is attainable by any of us. The first step is to pray and seek our Precious Holy Spirit's guidance. Note that self-consciousness will indefinitely steal our effectiveness.

The conversation isn't about yourself. Keep your focus on the other person as you talk to each other. Look at him or her, probe for insight, reach into their mind, imagination, and experience out of genuine interest. Be persistent to find out how this person thinks, feels, experiences, hopes.

Conversation is an adventure in knowledge acquisition. And if you grow in that, you are going to have to make the conversation about the other person most of the time, and not about you.

I like what I have to say. That's a problem, but I'm speaking truthfully. I've thought deeply about many things, and I am sometimes enamored with sharing what I know. But this is not only prideful, it is also yet another way to beat down healthy conversation. It will come soon enough that I'm able to say some important things if I put others first. Conversation is a two-way avenue after all. But I don't deserve to say much if I'm all about me. Begin with listening as a rule. Your artful questioning and interest make both sides of the conversation more possible.

Finally, here's a motto for good conversationalists (which is more than a motto, but a true command): "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interest of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

GOOD CONVERSATION NOW!!!

It is a rare thing when there is no opportunity for conversation. If I'm right, then the above thoughts can be implemented right now. I hope you will not let anything stop you from developing your conversation skills for the glory of Christ.

**Love in Jesus
Mary Lou McAtee**

Run for the Son Ministries Make a Difference

The ministries supported by Run for the Son are amazing!

Each year CMA puts out a list of upcoming mission trips with our ministry partners, The Jesus Film Project, Global Christian Relief, and Missionary Ventures International.

In December 2023, Bill and I decided to sign up for a mission trip with Missionary Ventures. We saved up to pay the mission fee to go to Malawi, Africa.

Seeing the gift of transportation being provided to Pastors in Malawi was indescribable. Their joy in the Lord was contagious.

I would encourage all CMA members to go on a mission trip. Every \$ collected through RFS makes a difference. Mission trip highlights are shared on the following pages.

**2025 Campaign Total =
\$2,913.95**



**Cheryl Jones
Run for the Son Lead**

Run for the Son Highlight: Malawi Mission with Missionary Ventures

The first day there was orientation. We met Bill Snell, the president of MVI, Moses Chikuta and Lloyd Tabatha.

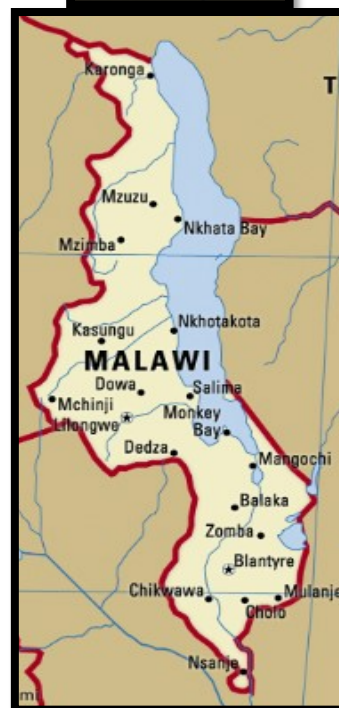
Moses planted his first church while a senior in high school. He attended the Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary at a satellite location in Africa and Evangelism School in South Africa. He applied to the government of Malawi to become an ordained minister. He has gained so much respect from the government from his work that he has the authority to ordain ministers.

Moses received a motorcycle from MVI in 2014 and continues to plant churches

and evangelize nationwide. Locally Moses has expanded his church to the community. His program is recognized and supported by the government. They have 220 children at Grace Worship Center. The government sends a nurse or a doctor once a month and provides health activities and education. His church starts with Bible study and expands to social needs like spousal and child abuse and self-sufficiency through livestock and agriculture. Lloyd has been in fulltime ministry since 2000. He directs MVI South Africa and has evangelized in Malawi, Zambia, Lesotho, Tanzania,

Mozambique, Kenya, and Eswatini resulting in over 10,000 salvations. Lloyd identifies pastors in need of transportation for MVI. CMA helps fund MVI through RFS. The goal is always about winning souls for Christ. MVI tracks the impact of a motorcycle for 2-3 years. The recipient pastor submits data to MVI concerning salvations, home groups and church plants. MVI is opening Bible training centers to equip pastors. A motorcycle typically lasts 8-10 years riding daily down rutted dirt roads. Bill Snell joined CMA in 2008. MVI has been in 111 countries. Bill is a pastor with a heart for evangelism.

Lloyd Tabitha Directs MVI South Africa & Moses Chikuta Minister & Malawi Host



Bill Snell, Missionary Ventures President Joined CMA in 2008: Bill Snell & Wife Tammy



RFS Malawi Mission with Missionary Ventures continued . . .

Everywhere we went we were welcomed with song and dance for the

Lord. The people of Malawi do not have much materially, but

their hearts are full of the joy of our Lord.

Ta Kaphuka, Africa



Nsanje Boma, Africa



Malawi Mission Trip with Missionary Ventures continued. . .

Grace Worship Center

Our team presented at men's and women's conferences. Cheryl and I were in a class with teens followed by games with them. We presented two

motorcycles and ten bicycles at the worship center. One of the teens in our class is a youth pastor and received a bicycle. (green shirt)



Malawi Mission Trip with Missionary Ventures continued. . .

Katsekamingo Community

We met with two hundred plus in the community. Most were not a part of the

church. We talked to them about parenting, education, and God.



RFS Malawi Mission with Missionary Ventures continued . . .

Delight Lodge

At the lodge where we were staying, we met Verson Pricillar and presented a motorcycle to him. We were supposed to do this at one of his churches but were delayed with car trouble and travel.

Verson graduated from the Jacksonville Baptist Seminary and is currently completing an MA. He told me about wealthy liberals who are pushing a worldly agenda. They approach pastors because they have a lot of influence in their communities. They offered to send Verson to Australia and pay for a Law degree in Human Rights. Once he received the degree, they would expect him to influence his community to change their Christian world view into a worldly one. He knows pastors who accepted

the offer, and it has created tension and division.



RFS Malawi Mission with Missionary Ventures continued . . .

Majete Nchalo Church

We shared the Creation Story with the Children.

One motorcycle was presented to a Pastor. In a really touching moment, a little girl

climbed a tree so that she could see.

They are so eager to hear the message of Jesus.



RFS Malawi Mission with Missionary Ventures continued . . .

Shire River

We met on the Shire River with the recipient of an MVI boat motor. They gave us a short ride in their boat. We

prayed for continued protection and blessings and put a blessing sticker on the motor. The river is the boarder between Malawi and

Mozambique.

The pastors help the communities and evangelize the area with this boat.



RFS Malawi Mission with Missionary Ventures continued . . .

Nsanje Church

The children offered a presentation of what they were learning in Sunday School. We heard a sermon from Lloyd with Moses translating. After that we presented two more

motorcycles. There were two more bicycles that Moses will present in North Malawi. We did not have enough time on this trip. The church members took up an offering for our team. We gave the

money to Moses, but what a humbling gesture.

The gospel is spreading like wildfire in places like Malawi.

This is the work that you are facilitating through your generous donations!



Youth Movement

The Christian Motorcycle Association's South-Central Region put on a "Transformation" weekend for the youth, September 29th to October 1st in Texarkana, Texas.

The Graziosi family and Chaplain Mary Lou McAtee enjoyed the time together.

Nicole Graziosi made a comment that she was amazed at how many adults took time off from work to give to the youth

by spending their weekend with them. She appreciated the one-to-one visiting time.

Thanks so much Mary Lou for your leadership and heart for our youth!

Our Youth truly represent the future of CMA.



Gypsy Fall Down Rally: October 4th, 5th & 6th 2024



**Blessing Rally
Members:
Smiles, coffee,
donuts and Praise
& Worship on
Sunday morning.
Thank you Mary
Lou!**



GodSpeed Riders at Moving Mountains Prayer Workshop


Mountain Mover's Prayer Workshop 10-4 & 10-5-24

Biblically Balanced Prayer Ministries

What a blessing to hear Renee & Forrest Page share testimonies.

Refreshing!



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GodSpeed Riders: Monument Run



October 5th, 2024



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2024 June National Rally - Mena, Arkansas



**GSR Raised
\$27,056.63**



CMA Presented Checks to Each Ministry Partner for \$1,200,882.16



Ministry Partners shared vision. Missionary Ventures Inc., Global Christian Relief, The Jesus Film Project & CMA's CEO John Ogden

Sara Arredondo	10-9
Jonathan Taylor	10-29
Norm McAtee	12-9
John Arredondo	12-13
Earl Stepp	12-13
Nicole Graziosi	12-15



Jonathan & Jennifer Taylor	10-28
Earl & Laura Stepp	11-11
Norm & Mary Lou McAtee	12-16



Run for the Son:
Upcoming Events:

October 1st—15th
Tamale & Salsa Fundraiser
P/U on October 22nd

October 22nd—November 5th
Scentsy Catalog Sale

November—Bay Area Food
Lover's Card Sale

November 23rd: 2nd Annual
Turkey Run with SJHD

Community
Night

Chicken -N-
Pickle

9-24-24



UPCOMING BIKER EVENTS

Monthly Event Sequence Listed Below

Monthly Chapter Meeting
(1st Tuesday of Every Month)
Chicken N Pickle Restaurant
6 PM to Eat, 7 – 8 PM to Meet

Monthly Chapter Ride
(Saturday Following Chapter Meeting)
Ride Details TBD by Robert Nona

Noah's
(2nd Sunday of Every Month)
12:30 – 3:30PM

San Jacinto Harley Davidson
(3rd Saturday of Every Month)
10AM-2PM

GSR Monthly Devotional
(4th Sunday of Every Month)
Taylor's Home 6—8 PM

Officer Meeting
(4th Thursday of Every Month)
Rudy's "Country Store" and Bar-B-Q,
6 PM to Eat, 7 – 8 PM to Meet

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THE MINISTRY OF CMA

THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION

Vision: *Changing the world, one heart at a time.*



Mission:

To inspire our leaders and the members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the Kingdom of God.

CMA Run for the Son:

CMA's Run for the Son started as an effort to provide one motorcycle to a pastor in Guatemala. From that simple beginning Run for the Son has now provided transportation to more than 13,900 pastors, evangelists, and Christian workers around the world.

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