

Covington, Indiana H.I.M. Ministry



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Greetings from Covington, Indiana H.I.M.!

2008 has been a very busy year. The heart of riding season began in May with a Bike Blessing and the 2008 Ride for H.I.M. We joined the H.I.M. members from Rantoul in the middle of the ride, then ate and fellowshiped together. We were also asked to participate in a program in Champaign, Illinois that helps handicapped children play baseball. We loaded up the bikes and rode over and spent a blessed day with wonderful children of God. It was a blessing to assist each and every one of them, plus give their parents a break where they could sit back, watch their child play baseball and cheer for them.

We were able to have a small group head up to Michigan for their "11th Annual Biker Sunday." As usual, it was such a blessing. Camping out in the tents is always fun, but oh how wonderful that hotel felt the night before the ride back home. We were also able to take a group to Pastor Steve's "Leave a Mark" Biker Weekend in Grove City, Ohio.

An activity we are blessed to do all year round is playing BINGO at our local nursing home in Covington. We go one Saturday a month and spend time with the residents. They are cut throat BINGO players, even though everyone wins, every game. They are usually at the doors waiting for us to get there.

We are still active in a Bible Study in Vermillion County jail in Indiana. We have a member that goes faithfully on Thursdays. He has been able to witness to many inmates and involved in many baptisms throughout the year.

We have been able to branch off of the H.I.M. Church in Covington. *Covington H.I.M. has given birth!* There is now another H.I.M. Church in Rantoul, Illinois. They are growing and doing wonderful things. We still are active with each other as well. Rantoul is about an hour from Covington to the West, and now, about an hour to the East, there will be another H.I.M. Church starting in Lebanon, Indiana. There is already an accepting church and a Shepherd. They are getting ready to start their first Change & Evangelism class.

The H.I.M. Ministry has been such a blessing for all of us down here. We have a great working relationship with a 1% group in Danville, Illinois the Sons of Silence. We have been able to ride with them, and are welcome in their club house. The H.I.M. Ministry has even been asked a couple of times to pray in the club house. Praise to God!!

The 1st Annual H.I.M. Biker Sunday in Covington was in September. Thank you to our fellow H.I.M. members from Michigan that came down to support us. Who knew that Hurricane Ike would reek such havoc on us! It was the day God made though and we were still blessed with over 200 people, even in the down pour. It was such a blessing for Pastor Mark and Pastor Jim to be a part of this special day in Covington. Of course, also thanks to Rodney!!

We are not looking forward to putting up the bikes, but at least down here in Indiana, we still have days when we can get the bikes out and enjoy them. 2009 is just around the corner, and spring will be here before we know it. Blessings to everyone and have a wonderful up and coming Holiday Season!



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