

Well here it is February 2012. In comparison to past years, it as been a mild winter here in Michigan. I am looking forward to spring and getting back into the saddle again and seeing what God has in store for us. This last fall was exciting because I became a member of the H.I.M. ministry. As the Outreach Pastor of my Church, my heart is to be outside the Church; to get the congregation out of the building and to serve and show the love of Jesus to our community. One of my favorite sayings is **"The Church has left the building"**

So, as a lover of the road on two wheels, when I found a motorcycle club that loves Jesus and is very serious about spreading the good news I got really excited. After doing some research, praying and talking with Pastor Ken, our Senior Pastor here at New Life, I decided to take the H.I.M. training; and it was very in depth. After meeting some of the guys and going through the study, I knew this ministry was serious about reaching the world for Jesus, and not just getting together for rides to the local ice cream shop!

Because of my excitement, I began to spread the word about the ministry to other riders here at New Life. Having the total support of our Senior Pastor, I checked to see what it would take to be a H.I.M. Church. Come to find out, it is possible for me to host my own classes. If you believe in something and believe the Lord has his hand in it, then step out in faith and go for it! And that is what I did. We have already grown to nine members and are currently planning some of our own events in the Saginaw area. I am looking forward to this Summer.

We are all called to be Ministers. Minister simply means "to serve". God has given us all different gifts and talents and as disciples we are expected to go and be the hands and feet by the power of the Holy Spirit; to serve and love this dying and broken world. Read what Paul says:

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (ESV)

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

So I can't wait for summer, to be diligent about keeping my heart open, to see where God is working; join HIM in what HE is doing in the lives of all those bikers at all those events out there. We "do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings". Ride safe, be good and pray hard!

Pastor Jeff

