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# POINT OF VIEW

Those who serve in Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Chaplaincy Ministries are working every day to bring the gospel to all people in every walk of life –

but the way they are accomplishing this might surprise you.

Chaplains are ministering to the lost and hurting in hospitals, prisons, military barracks, corporations, and even at places such as bike rallies, rodeos, racetracks and disaster sites. When ministering in such places, the hood of a HUMVEE or the table in a break room suddenly becomes a pulpit or a place to serve communion. Sometimes pastoral counseling takes place on a Harley or in the belly of an aircraft carrier. For chaplains, ministry opportunities change almost every day.



Each day thousands of people who have never committed their lives to Christ are passing into eternity. As long as people are hurting and yearning for more than this life has to offer, there will be a need for qualified chaplains who are willing and able to take Christ's message of love and hope to those who are spiritually lost.





# »» MOTORCYCLE CHAPLAIN MINISTERS FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

BY  
JOHN KENNEDY

*“If you are judgmental, you get absolutely nowhere in the biker community.” Higgins says. “I’m just trying to bring them closer to God.”*

Fred Higgins looks and acts the part of a chaplain to bikers. His beard is reminiscent of fiery abolitionist John Brown. A rattail, likewise, isn't the typical hairstyle of Assemblies of God clergy. His straightforward manner won't win him any congeniality awards.

Of course, Fred Higgins isn't the archetypal AG chaplain, either in background or mission field. He got booted out of Boy Scouts at age 12 for smoking cigarettes. While still a teenager, Higgins rode with hardcore outlaw motorcycle gangs, dealt drugs and worked as a bar bouncer. He engaged in various criminal activities. “If you think I'm not too pretty now, you should have seen me then,” says Higgins. “I never really was addicted to anything except sin.”

At age 15, Higgins went forward during an altar call at an AG church, but it took quite a few years before he fully walked away from his old lifestyle.

“God was continually reaching out to me in an effort to change my life,” Higgins recalls. “A lot of people sowed a lot of seed in me before it began to bear fruit.”

Eventually, Higgins not only surrendered his life to Christ but also heeded a call to ministry. He served as an independent charismatic missionary to the former Soviet Union for several years and then obtained AG ministerial credentials.

While serving as the pastor of an AG church, Higgins began praying for the Lord to provide a motorcycle so he could ride again. Three of his neighbors —



all non-churchgoers — rode motorcycles. Higgins befriended each neighbor, and two ended up attending the church he pastored. One of them gave Higgins his motorcycle when he bought a new one.

He didn't intend to become part of the biker culture again. But following the lead of the Holy Spirit, Higgins sensed doors opening to become immersed in the biker community, this time with a different focus than during his youth. In 2003, Higgins became a full-time Assemblies of God motorcycle ministries chaplain based in southeast Georgia. Because of his past, he quickly made inroads.

"But knowing the culture doesn't mean you have all the answers," Higgins says. "I still have to pray every day, 'God I don't know how to do this; I need you to show me'."

Higgins returned to the motorcycle community with loving acceptance.

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Consequently, hundreds of hardcore bikers pray prayers of repentance and commit-



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ment with Higgins every year. From personal experience, he understands that such prayers don't necessarily result in an immediate turnaround.

So when Higgins, after building relationships for several years, gained access to hold a devotional service at a private hardcore motorcycle compound during the annual Daytona Bike Week, he didn't fly off the handle when some attendees passed around a marijuana joint.

"They come to a 9 a.m. devotional service because they have a relationship with me," Higgins says. "They come because they believe God has something to say that might help them."

Such patience has enabled Higgins to conduct anger-management counseling, pre-marital counseling, weddings and funerals in the biker community for those who have no pastor.

"I do all this with the objective of preaching the gospel," Higgins says, noting that 100 attendees of a funeral he preached recently responded to an invitation to accept Christ as Savior.


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"My approach is pastoral," Higgins says. "I get involved in their lives week after week. I try to see them as often as possible."



Higgins has a broad reach. While he has ongoing relationships with numerous motorcycle clubs and hundreds of bikers, he gains access to thousands more in other parts of the country because of the domino effect of the close-knit fraternity.

Higgins has gained the trust of many bikers because they know he is real.

"If you want to reach the lost, you have to go where they are," Higgins says. 

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1 Partner with Chaplain Higgins in prayer.

2 Support Chaplain Higgins financially with a one-time or monthly gift.

3 Partner with Chaplaincy to reveal Jesus to a world in need.

**Chaplain Higgins is a fully endorsed U.S. missionary.**

He is able to minister as a motorcycle chaplain because of the generous support of people who believe in the work God is doing through this ministry.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

10,000,000: PEOPLE in the U.S.  
who identify with the biker  
culture.

15: AGE he was last hospitalized  
because of a motorcycle  
accident.

36,562: MOST MILES ridden by  
Chaplain Higgins in one year.

275: AVERAGE ATTENDANCE  
for Chaplain Higgins' annual  
Easter biker service over the past  
three years.

300: AVERAGE COMMIT-  
MENTS TO CHRIST annually  
because of Chaplain Higgins'  
motorcycle ministry.



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