

Some thoughts from Preacher:

It has been said that sometimes it takes a tragedy to explain how you feel about something. Well in this case something did! I am referring to the incident on Hwy 151 in Fond Du Lac County that involved 12 members of the Muskegon Motorcycle Gang (MMG) and a car May 31st.

The incident itself is not the focus of my thoughts, but is the catalyst for my thinking of what happened in the weeks after. And that is the outpouring of help that was offered to the riders and their families.

Immediately after the accident, many riders circled the wagons as they say and offered up whatever was needed. Housing to offset the hotel bills that were being incurred by the families, rides to and from wherever was needed and most of all a rally to get it done fast. I am talking within hours problems were solved on behalf of these strangers.

Lorie and I attended the hearing in Fond Du Lac June 15th along with 50 or so other riders that were there to show their support to the families of the riders. Well behaved and polite riders taking time off their jobs and out of their day for support. Afterwards we headed to the site of the incident as a way for us to say a silent prayer and to reflect.

I put out on my face book page, " I am asking for thoughts of what happened after the crash. pertaining to the charitable aspect, the out pouring of prayers and help to the families. What does this mean to you as a biker?"

Dwayne Bargenquast, "I'm so proud of how we all came together in this tragic time. The motorcycle community are an awesome group of people." Penny S., "I had asked the people I work with to pray for these brothers and the families affected by this." " It's been just amazing to see how the general public responded in comparison to the brothers and sisters in the wind. Who by one common thread have pulled together to support the bikers and their families involved in this tragedy. It means a lot to know that I belong to a community that not only does so much for charities, but each other as well."

With many in the general public having the perception of motorcyclists in general as bad guys, thugs and usually up to no good as portrayed in the show "Son's of Anarchy", the real life happenings in the biker com

munity are much different. In reality the work done for our own is a beast totally not understood by the average citizen. It doesn't matter if we know the person or persons in need, we as a collective unit are there. For that I am proud to call the biker community my friends, associates and all around good folks.

One thing you may have noticed in this story, is that I didn't mention anyone in particular for their part in making everything happen pertaining to the Brothers from MMG and their families. This is because I never noticed anyone on face book or in the general public that wanted major as they say, "camera time" because of their effort. For this I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I love all my Brothers & Sisters of the open road deeply. Ride safe and continue to pray for the two remaining guys still in the hospital. You can follow their progress on face book at MMG Rider Updates.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

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