

Evangelizing and Motorcycle Riding

by Mike Porter



Sharing the gospel is a lifestyle for those born-again believers who hold to the biblical world view that God created the universe and human life for the purpose that we can glorify Him.

Motorcycling has been an activity since my youth. Starting out on a bicycle, riding to school and together with other classmates, motion and balance on two wheels has

been a blessing carrying me to the later stage in life. An early crash on a road bike at age 22, when I was married with two children changed everything. No more motorcycling. Working for a living, finishing school, raising children and establishing a proper home for family were priorities. In 1980 my son Mike was 13 years old. We purchased two dirt bikes and began a journey that would lead to “changing the world one heart at a time” forty-three years later.

Motorcycling leads one to a freedom of expression by engaging all God-given senses while in balanced motion. Being one with the landscape (His creation) is like riding on a spiritual journey with Christ. Praying out loud, praising the Lord, thanking Him for your being, asking Him to hold you up in all circumstances is so compelling, you cannot stop doing it. This leads to evangelizing.

At a secular “Wine Walk” event in our small Nevada town of Gardnerville, on US Hwy 395, our church offers a pop-up prayer tent to local citizens and traveling visitors. A prominent “Jesus” banner is in the back of the pop-up. I might ask a passing individual, “How may I pray for you?” This may open an opportunity to engage the person in prayer. In one instance just last Thursday, August 21, 2025, a male visitor from Florida responded and showed a strong interest in learning how one might be saved. A Scripture from John 3 “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” led to more conversation and scripture and a deeper understanding of salvation.

This evangelizing in public was the fruit of having become a member of the CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Association).



Riding a dirt bike as a loner, thousands of miles in the California and Nevada deserts and mountains, opened me to many life experiences with other athletic adventurers, including competitions and club rides, all before I was saved. At one point while I lived in Los Angeles I was a participating member of the Ridgecrest Motorcycle Club. That meant like all other southern California riders, I drove a truck and took my bike to desert or mountain riding areas. That was after working a lot of hours during the week.

Forty years later after working, riding, raising a family, and my wife, Mary and I also retiring in Nevada I physically could not seriously ride dirt bikes any longer. I decided, in order to continue riding, I could go back to the road and keep riding a bike. I had a Harley since 1986. I purchased a new 2021 Harley Road Glide in November that year. Then God told me to get into a Christian riding group.

I had never been acquainted with this kind of activity before so I searched the internet and found a CMA chapter in Gardnerville, NV, how about that. I went to a meeting and studied CMA training material. I fulfilled their requirements and became a member in 2022. Since then I became CMA Sierra Shepherds Chapter 821 president and just this year, 2025, Mary also became a member. Mary and I were both saved while attending a small non-denominational church in Nevada. Coming to the Lord has been a continuing process of over 20 plus years, and is ongoing.

The passion of open-road riding and the freedom of expression draws one to want to share the gospel to a vastly lost world. An organization like CMA provides opportunity for organized camaraderie with Christian men and women to attend our own State, National, and International motorcycle rallies and also many secular rallies.

Sturgis is a popular secular rally in South Dakota that draws about 500,000 riders and passengers each year since its beginning August 14, 1938. Another is Daytona, Florida Bike Week which began January 24, 1937. CMA is basically a service organization and is viewed by the secular world as a biker group which is at rallies to help and share the gospel. CMA is 50 years old and members are accepted by other biker organizations as fellow bikers. We wear our colors (large back patch) to identify as riding under the CMA banner with our slogan “Riding for the Son.”

Israeli Medicine in the News

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Treating Clogged Arteries Will Soon Be Safer And Faster



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Israel-based startup Pylon Medical has recently developed a first-of-its-kind method of treating carotid artery disease, one of the leading risk factors for stroke.

The carotid arteries are a pair of blood vessels on each side of the neck that deliver blood to the brain and head.

Carotid artery disease, or carotid artery stenosis, develops when fatty deposits called plaques build up on the walls of these vessels, clogging them. The disease leads to a host of complications, some of which can be deadly.

Current solutions for clearing the clogged blood vessels include surgically opening the arteries and cleaning out the plaque, or the insertion of a stent that widens the blood vessel. These methods have long recovery times, sometimes resulting in additional complications.

Pylon's newly developed “specialty kit” — including a balloon catheter, an artery closure device, and an aspiration system — makes the treatment of clogged blood vessels much safer and less time-consuming, Or Zigelboim, founder and CEO of Pylon Medical, tells ISRAEL21c. “We’re talking about a 98 percent success rate,” he says. “We make a small puncture of 2.5 millimeters and introduce a balloon catheter; then we can place a stent to revascularize the vessel or open the vessel up and improve the bloodstream.” The biggest challenge of the existing treatments is how to close the incision in the carotid artery once the plaque had been cleared.

“Our device can close the artery without the need of exposing it; no need to have any incisions or cuts,” explains Zigelboim, adding that the device allows the physician to automatically suture the hole in the carotid artery by bringing the two sides of the hole together with a knot. Pylon's solution can also be utilized during stent insertions or surgeries.

“Our aspiration system protects against particles from outer walls of the vessels that could dislodge during the procedure and drift into the brain, which sometimes can cause strokes,” says Zigelboim.

Pylon has successfully completed clinical trials on animals and is currently in its second fundraising round to secure money for clinical trials on humans. “Our main goal is to conduct the first [human] clinical trials this year, but it depends on the funds that we manage to raise,” notes Zigelboim, adding that fundraising has been challenging since the October 7, 2023 Hamas attacks and the subsequent war.

“Our regulatory path lies through the FDA, which means we will have to enroll about 200 patients into our clinical trials within two years.”

Zigelboim adds that if everything goes according to plan, Pylon's solution should be market-ready by 2027 or 2028.

Why is it called Pylon? Zigelboim explains that “Pylon” is a Greek word that means “gateway,” or “gate” from pyle, which is a castle or a tower. “And we are actually a gate to the human body,” he smiles.



Or Zigelboim



Pylon Medical's development lab in Or Yehuda.

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