

## PENNSYLVANIA COUPLE'S MINISTRY ON WHEELS

Sixty-seven year old Ray Langan, and his sixty-three year old wife Jean are two Pottstown, Pennsylvania residents who have been known to mingle with some notorious people. Like members of such infamous gangs as, *Warlocks and Pagans* to name a few. But the Langans, are not alone. They are part of a motorcycle club that is larger than any one of those other groups, the *Christian Motorcyclists Association, CMA*.

"CMA has an active membership of about 90,000 members from around the world," explained Ray. "We have members in Canada, South America, Europe, South Africa, Australia and throughout parts of Europe."

"The mission of the group is to reach the unsaved whether by motorcycle or by other means," added Jean, who joined CMA with her husband in 1986. "And you don't have to ride a motorcycle to be involved."

The two have proved that recently when Ray had to give up riding due to on-going health concerns.

This couple continues to join in many of the rallies and other events sponsored by both Christian and secular bike organizations, some taking them to locations up and down the East Coast.

This May Ray joined members and supporters from across the US when he drove his car in CMA's biggest annual fundraising event, the "*Run for the Son*". This one hundred mile ride is set up by local chapters, similar to the Agape Riders, the chapter to which the Langan's belong.

Riding their motorcycles to raise funds isn't the only thing members of CMA do, though it might be considered the least dangerous. Ray and Jean explain how they often mingle among hard core bikers, trying to tell them about salvation.

"It's exciting to see God at work within people," Jean explained. "Especially motorcyclists. They don't always have a good image."

Though the couple prefers to discuss their positive experiences, they are aware of the dangers they face when they are at some of the secular events.

"I was pulled aside once by a Pagan or Warlock, I don't remember which, who was most likely prospecting," said Ray, explaining that 'prospecting' refers to looking for people to rough up, part of the initiation some bikers must go through to become members. "He said he didn't like my vest because it had no collar.

"It's the sort of thing you never know," Ray continued, telling how he had been spared after he explained to the man it was the type of vest worn by many members of his organization, CMA, and that it was the largest Christian motorcycle club in the world.

"Most of the time we get along fine," added Jean. "Some of our guys have even repaired the bikes for members of other groups."

Their work with CMA isn't the only thing the couple does, they are both actively involved with community and their church. Being retired, Ray in particular, serves on a number of boards and committees; while Jean who works at a local nursing home finds the greatest joy sharing her love of the Lord with her patients with Alzheimer's Disease.