



## ***Press Release: Summer 2004***

We have finally had a chance to slow down and catch our breath before we start our winter season. We are very excited to share with each of you what God has been doing through our lives and this incredible action sports ministry called Radical Riders. I would like to start off by thanking so many of you for your prayers, emails of encouragement, and financial support of this ministry. Without you we would not be able to reach so many young people with the gospel. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

This past summer season has been incredible. God has expanded the ministry in more ways than we could have imagined. It all started back in February when God laid on our hearts the idea of touring nationally with the Pro Wakeboard Tour. We knew this would be a great avenue to share the gospel and to impact the wakeboard community with the love of Jesus Christ. In order to make this happen God introduced us to professional athlete and current world record holder in women's slalom, Kristi Overton Johnson and her water sports ministry called In His Wakes. God used this partnership to help change the hearts and lives of wakeboard fans, professional athletes, and tour staff. Because of Kristi's influence in the water sports industry, she was able to have a ministry booth on the shores of all the pro wakeboard tour stops, and asked Rob & I to go and work the booth at the tour stops. This was an answer to our prayers, but providing an avenue for us to share the gospel with the wakeboard community. This booth was used to promote both ministries RR and IHW, and to pass out "Making the Cut" testimonial tracks, and to assist with the Sunday morning chapel services for the pro riders.

We were able to be on the shores of six pro wakeboard tour stops throughout the summer. God opened so many doors for us to share our faith, and here are just a few of the highlights: tour staff started asking questions about God and came to the Sunday morning chapel services, two junior men's pro wakeboarders want to start using their talents on the water to help reach those off the water with the gospel, countless people offered words of encouragement to us in what God has called us to do, thousands of spectators are now familiar with the ministries RR and IHW, several pro men's wakeboarders have heard the truth about the gospel and we pray that we will see a harvest in their lives, and RR has some potential sponsors and individual supporters for next years "Radical Tour" schedule. We look forward to next summer and being on the shores of all eleven pro wakeboard tour stops.

In between the PWT we had one week of the "Radical Riders 72 Hour Wakeboard Camp". We had a total of four young men come and stay at our facilities in CO and go wakeboarding with us everyday. After a day on the water we would get together with the boys and study the bible every night. Rob & I shared with these boys that God had awesome plans for their lives and wanted to have a personal relationship with Him. Two of the four boys already had a personal relationship with Jesus, and by the end of the week the other two boys gave their life to Christ!

During the first week in August RR went to Palatka, FL to put on an extreme sports festival. During this four day festival we provided wakeboard and skateboard clinics during the day, and a riding exhibition and testimony at night, along with the music of Christian rock singer Jenny Guthrie. During our stay in Palatka we had over 500 teens attend the four day clinics and concerts. Our purpose was clear...to hit them with the gospel. By the end of the week we witnessed 50 young people make life changing decisions for Jesus Christ!

Thanks again for letting us share with you what God has done. Please continue to pray for us, the winter interns, and the future direction of this ministry. If you would like to keep up on our daily schedule please visit our website at [www.radicalriders.com](http://www.radicalriders.com). That is the best way to know what our needs are, what to pray for, and how to get involved.

Keep the Action Tight!! God Bless!!  
Rob & Michele