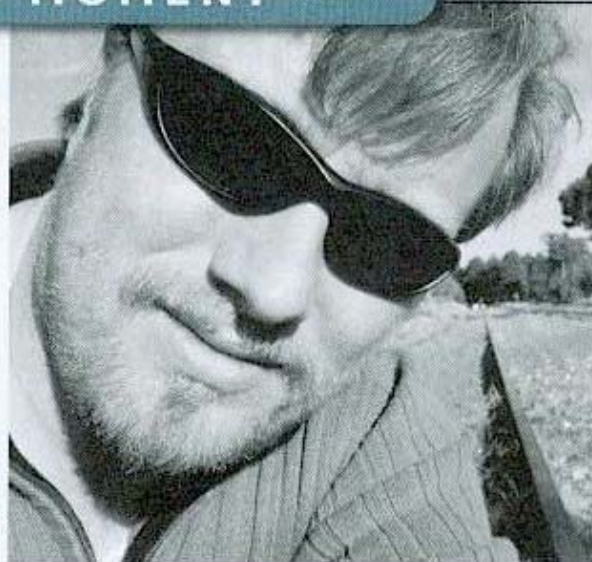


## MISSIONS MOMENT

### DRIVEN-1

It all started with Stefan Svård's 1966 Pontiac GTO, loaded with a General Motors L92 6.2 liter engine, backed up by a modified 4L65e with a Gear Vendors overdrive unit. (Do we have your attention, car buffs?) The ministry was born when Svård's eyes were opened to the similarities between his car's overhaul and a person's transformation in Christ, and he started taking advantage of all the new opportunities for communicating that message.

"When I'm out and about, people always want to talk about the car. It's an instant ice



Stefan Svård has a passion for cars ... classic American big V8 muscle cars. He also has a passion for Christ and has merged his love into a ministry. Driven-1, [www.driven-1.com](http://www.driven-1.com), is his mission designed to introduce weekend car enthusiasts and grease-monkey teens to the Gospel.

breaker allowing me to communicate with people I would not have met otherwise," says Svård. "Often I am able to turn the conversation towards the spiritual. The parallel between what was an old rotted out nasty car and a sinner. My car was 'reborn.' It got a new engine and was transformed from the inside out, just like when Christ gives a sinner a new heart."

He attends city-wide car shows sharing his car and the Gospel. Driven-1 is currently helping support other ministries like Go Ministries, [www.goministries.net](http://www.goministries.net), a ranch for 50 troubled teens in Mora, Minn. But Svård's ultimate goal is a youth ministry for teens restoring cars to be sold at auction, pulling

them away from TV and video games and toward the opportunity to learn about Christ's transforming love. Svård says, "Our goal is simple—to reach out to the youth of America and the 'Church of horsepower' people with the love, grace and saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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