

A close-up photograph of the front of a vintage green Duplex truck. The truck features a large chrome grille with vertical bars, a chrome bumper, and round headlights. The word "DUPLEX" is written in green on the top of the grille, and "1951" is written in green on the side of the hood. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

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Patrick

For 67 years and counting, they have been there for the American trucker and even impacting others around the world by getting out the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! They were even there for me on one of the dark days in my past, shining the light of Jesus to guide me back on the right path. Thank you! I love you guys!

Scott

We try to stop for services at their chapels. We especially love Chaplain David at Wytheville.

Lori

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A Word from Dan

Truck drivers depend on rearview mirrors, unless a genius has designed a camera to be used at the back-end of a 53-foot trailer. (Wouldn't that make backing into tight spaces so much easier?) Whether driving on the highway or backing into the dock, you are always looking at what is behind you.

Looking back is important in other areas of life. Of course, some will make the case for pressing forward and never looking back. There is tremendous benefit to

looking back over the past 24 hours, the last month, even the past year.

Many of us live from one moment and circumstance to the next. We work hard and accomplish good things, but we do not often think about what we have been doing. Then we run into a string of setbacks and wonder what has become of our lives. Even if we are not bothered by the setbacks, we may wake up one day and wonder how we got to this place. But when you look back and realize that these moments are part of the flow of your life, they are less troublesome.

This is where the occasional review of the recent and long-term past can be so valuable. The Apostle Paul wrote his confirmation of God's work in the lives of the Thessalonian Christians. He told them that he joyfully remembered their "work produced by faith, [their] labor prompted by love, and [their] endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:3). Paul continued to recount the life change that occurred among those new believers in the rest of chapter one and into chapter two. The young believers struggled with assurance of faith because they had not experienced the return of the Lord. Perhaps they were not true Christians after all. Paul wrote the two letters to the Thessalonians to address that very concern. Paul looked back at what God had done through them to remind them of their standing with Christ.

Times of reflection can be life-giving if we look back on the right things. In every day, every month, every year, there are going to be disappointments and sometimes tragedies. Don't ruminate on those. Do rehearse the positive situations. Situations as simple as the receiving clerk speaking a kind word, the phone call from your six-year-old, getting through a DOT road check unscathed. Remember the enjoyable conversations with your spouse over the past six months. Sure, there have been some tough times during that season, but you and your spouse were on the same page back then.

August may be a hectic time for you. You are dealing with all the vacationer traffic. So start simple with a new habit—as you are getting ready for bed, recall a couple of positive occurrences of the past day. You are likely to sleep better and if you turn them into prayer, you are worshiping God. If you get to take some vacation time yourself, use the different schedule to remember the good gifts of God over the past year. These habits can be life-giving.

Be safe!

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On the cover: Ever heard of a Duplex? Doris High wondered about that when she saw this truck at the Antique Truck Show in Macungie this past June. Read (and see) more about it in September's Highway News.

PA Truck Rally a Success Despite Rain

Although it was a gray, rainy morning, trucks started arriving at the Lebanon Fairgrounds promptly at 9:00 AM (below); by the time they were leaving for the parade (bottom left), organizers were delighted to see that 132 trucks had made it (in view of the weather conditions, they would have been happy to reach 100!). Rain petered out to a drizzle in the afternoon, allowing truckers and their families to roam the Fairgrounds, meeting friends and comparing notes (below right). Children were not forgotten, having access to a lot of fun activities (all indoors).



“It was a cloudy, rainy morning,” Doris High said, “and a steady rain began about the time trucks started leaving for the parade.” But she found a perfect spot from which to take pictures (on right): under the trailer of a truck that was staying put!



See pages 11-13 for more photos of the 2018 PA Truck Rally



Who are they?

Pete (Pierre), Ken (a.k.a. KW), and Mac discovered each other during an 18-hour blizzard two years ago on I-94 in Michigan. Each was doing whatever he could to help stranded motorists when they connected and realized they had a shared interest in following Jesus Christ and helping others.

Since then, every Tuesday at 8:40 PM (CT) they have been meeting on a group chat. We thought you'd enjoy listening in!

Human Trafficking

KW: As always, great to be connecting with you guys. Hey, Mac, you shocked us when you said you were taking an online class on calculus. How's that going?

Mac: I guess I should have kept my trap shut if I'd known you'd be checking up on me.

Pete: That's the whole point of us calling, isn't it?

Mac: Right you are, my friend. The course is challenging to my aging brain, but I'm making progress.

KW: Look out, Pete; soon Ol' Mac will be trying to teach us the function of some logarithm.

Mac: There you go again, bustin' on me. I'm glad I'm doing it.

Pete: And we are too, *mon ami*. [brief pause] Have you men noticed that many truck stops have a Truckers Against Trafficking sticker posted on some of their entrance doors?

KW: Yeah, but I never checked into it. What about you, Mac?

Mac: Aye, good group doing good work to get the word out about human trafficking.

Pete: They must be doing their job because I'm hearing more and more

about it. I read that there were over 8,000 cases reported in 2016.

KW: So, what is human trafficking? Is it smuggling immigrants across borders?

Mac: That, and forcing people into labor and recruiting people for the sex industry. Human trafficking, or contemporary slavery, is compelling, coercing, forcing someone to do something for the financial benefit of the handler.

KW: While we've been talking, I just pulled up some stats for Canada and the U.S. Says here that females between ages twelve to seventeen are the prime targets for both labor and sex slavery. Another distressing fact is that recruiters for these girls are usually males between eighteen and twenty-eight years old.

Mac: That's how they lure these poor kids—and we're talking girls and boys—into bondage. Someone close in age, talking of big dreams and flashing cash... That's awfully persuasive.

Pete: Back to my point about Truckers Against Trafficking. What do truckers have to do with this? I know that might seem like a no-brainer...

KW: Okay, answer your own question. What connections do you see?

Pete: There is the obvious—sex for sale at rest areas and truck stops. Drivers create a demand for sex trafficking. Then there is the transient group that is

around many truck stops. They could be tricked into some sort of slavery.

Mac: KW, what do you think?

KW: Pete mentioned the first ones that came to my mind. It's called trafficking which suggests selling, buying, transporting people—people made in the image of God. That's what is killing me. We're talking about a social issue, but scratch just a little below the surface and you realize that these teens and adults are people God created and to whom He offers rescue through Jesus Christ. [sobering pause] I guess since truckers are constantly crisscrossing our nations, they can be part of trafficking by transporting people between handlers.

Mac: My brother, you really bring it home to the heart. You know, truck stops and rest areas are perfect stops for handlers to exchange people. There is a constant hum of activity, so their activity is less detectable.

Pete: And that is the point that Truckers Against Trafficking is trying to promote among professional drivers. We are the ones in the parking lot for hours at a time. We can see things that the in and out people won't see.

KW: So what are we looking for?

Mac: A red flag is a young teen with an older person who appears jealous,

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CHAPLAINS' LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

Driver Mikhail, who was here last night, came in to thank us for keeping the chapel open and to let us know what a blessing the chaplains are in his life.

- Chaplain Jay -

◆ Driver Allen stopped in to talk. He knows Jesus and is confident of his salvation, but is concerned because drinking is a problem. We talked about it for a while. I gave him a Bible for his truck and encouraged him to start with the Gospel of John. I also gave him a *Highway News* magazine so he would have a list of TFC locations. I prayed for him before he left, and he felt better.

Chaplain Tim

◆ Driver Henry and his wife, Yadira, came in to the chapel today. I read the *Daily Bread* devotional and Henry translated it into Spanish for Yadira. I gave them Spanish Bibles. They were a beautiful couple from Los Angeles. We had a very special time. I later met Henry in the truck stop, and he told me his wife was in the truck reading her new Spanish Bible!

Chaplain David

◆ While at the restaurant tonight, I met driver Charles and engaged him in conversation. He invited me to sit down with him at the table and enjoy a cup of coffee with him. He was very polite and very interested as I shared the Gospel with him from various passages of the Bible. Then I asked him if he would like to receive Christ into his life. We prayed together and I believe Charles came to faith. We then walked over to the chapel and I gave him items that we give to those who come to faith in Christ.

Chaplain Allan

◆ We had one visitor at the 11:30 AM Bible Study, a trucker from Cote D'Ivoire on the west coast of Africa. He and his brother came over and settled in Indiana, along with his wife and soon to be five children. He was concerned about his dad and others that have not converted to Christ. He plans to become a missionary/preacher to his community back home. His testimony is brimming with enthusiasm for Christ, his Savior, and he is anxious to share Christ with his countrymen. He prayed, and we prayed with him, that God would open the way for him to share his faith and that many will come to faith in Christ.

Chaplain Willard

◆ A couple stopped in and we had a nice visit. They told me they were married here on the deck of the chapel nine years ago!

Chaplain Hank

◆ Richard came in and told me he has cancer and is under the care of hospice. I asked him, "If you die, are you going to Heaven?" He told me he hoped so. I shared with him the plan of salvation using the "Roman's Road" and at the end he confessed Jesus as his Savior!

Chaplain Buck

◆ A driver and his fiancé came in the chapel for prayer for their upcoming marriage. Both are believers. We prayed for God to bless the marriage and that they will make Him the focus of their marriage, especially when difficult times arise. They were both very grateful for the prayer and blessings, thanking me for it.

Chaplain Dean

◆ Drivers Ryan and Bernie, a married couple driving tandem, came into the chapel; both are believers in Jesus. They had just come from Canada, and Ryan wanted to see a chapel inside. They requested prayer for their families, as well as for themselves. We had a great time of fellowship.

Chaplain Fred

◆ Nancy had stopped by about three months ago. I shared the Gospel with her but she wasn't ready to accept the Lord. Today she called saying she needed and wanted to pray the sinner's prayer with me. Before we prayed, I talked with her for over an hour about what it means to be born again and surrender our lives to Jesus. At the end of our conversation she told me she was ready. Praise God, we prayed and celebrated her new life in Jesus!

Chaplain Jay L.

As you read these logs, please pray for the chaplains and those they minister to every day.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

By P. E. Olson

Turn Your Mind Inside Out

When you put on your company's ball cap or jacket, everyone can identify you with your employer. When you go to a ball game, you make sure to wear your team colors to identify you with your team. Parents with a child in the Marines often will have a "Semper Fi" bumper sticker on their car. All these are ways to declare our allegiance to something that is important to us.

Those who are Christians may wear a cross on a chain or have a bumper sticker with a Christian message as an outward declaration of their beliefs. Many who see these signs and symbols, however, are going to look beyond them to see if the person's actions and words match what they profess to believe. Are they merely outward symbols that have no correlation to the person's behavior, or can the love of Christ be seen in the person's words and deeds?

Everything we say and do reflects the condition of our heart. If bad thoughts turn into angry words spoken to or about others, what does this say about our relationship with God? Jesus warns us that "...out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). Anything we say that does not glorify God only reflects the sinful condition of our heart. And we are all sinners. Paul confirms this in Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." So are we at a hopeless dead end? No! God said that He will renew our hearts and minds if we will just ask Him. He promises us in Ezekiel

36:26, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you..." Why? God wants to have fellowship with us, but it is up to us to admit that we are sinners and to ask for His forgiveness. Once we have a restored relationship with God, we can reach out to others with His love in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

When we surrender our lives to the Lord, the Bible says that we will "...have the mind of Christ" (I Corinthians 2:16). When you have the mind of Christ, you can easily forgive the driver of that snazzy sports car that just cut in front of you, eating up your safety margin to the next vehicle ahead. You can respond in love to your spouse instead of arguing and further harming a strained relationship. You can nurture and guide your children with patience and understanding so that they will grow up to love the Lord. And you can reach out to someone who is hurting and needs that same love of Christ that has been freely given to you.

When we are ostracized or persecuted for our faith, we can follow Paul's advice: "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6). Only with the mind of Christ can we do that.

If you turn your life over to God and ask Him to save you from your sins, you, too, will have the mind of Christ. Pray the prayer below, then write to us and let us rejoice with you! ☺

You Can Put On the Mind of Christ

- ☒ Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- ☒ Confess Him as your Savior and Lord and turn from your sins.
- ☒ Pray this prayer: *"Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross and shed Your blood to pay the penalty for my sins. Please forgive me and come into my life. You are my Savior and Lord."*

Easier said than done? Stop by a TFC chapel (listed on page 15) or call a chaplain for more guidance.

- ☒ On the back of this magazine is a coupon to send to us if you have prayed this prayer. We will send you a Bible study designed for truckers, to help you in your new walk with Christ.

DRIVER DEALS WITH TRAGEDY

Having grown up in a broken home, owner-operator Tom Shope was determined to have a normal family of his own. With his wife, Donna, three lovely children, and a home of their own in the beautiful mountain country of Southcentral Pennsylvania, it seemed his wish had come true. But then there was a terrible car crash that took his wife's life and severely injured his eight-month-old daughter. That was two years ago, and in a recent interview with Donald Hollinger, Tom tells his story.

Don: Were you on the road when the accident happened?

Tom: Yes, I was. In fact, it was discovered later that at the time of the accident I was in a truck stop with another Christian driver. We were bragging about how our wives would encourage us when we were feeling down and called home.

How did the news reach you?

Someone who works for the company I was leased to heard about the accident on the monitor. There was an all-points bulletin sent out by the state police, but family and friends found me first at my next destination.

What a terrible shock that must have been, with your wife's death and all three children in the hospital. How did you make it through?

I have a sign on the front of my truck that says "I have a friend in JESUS." Without Him to lean on, and a very close friend who parked his truck to stay by my side for several weeks, I don't know how I would have survived.

How serious were the children's injuries?

The two boys, Danny and Joey, both had broken bones and some internal injuries, but eight-month-old Leigh Ann was the most severely injured. In fact, she wasn't expected to live, and under advisement I purchased a second grave plot beside her mother's.

But, praise God, her healing was a miracle. Although she has brain damage and needs a lot of care, she has made a lot of progress. Leigh Ann is very special to me and to the boys. We try to include her in all our activities. Sometimes, when we're out with her, unthinking people will be overheard making unkind remarks about her, and it almost drives us to tears.



With Leigh Ann in the hospital for five months and the boys to care for, how did you manage?

I let my truck sit for about nine months after the accident, to care for the children (along with the good help of my brother and aunt). I also had a lot of support from my church family, and from Jagtrux, the company I was leased to at the time. So, along with a lot of prayer and faith, the Lord provided.

I'm back on the road again and I have a nanny to stay with the chil-

dren while I'm away. I take the boys with me on the truck when I can. I have even taken Leigh Ann on short trips, but because her feeding tubes need to be kept extra clean, it's not possible for long trips. In fact, I brought her home from the hospital in the truck. She gave me the biggest smile and that's something she doesn't do very often. In caring for Leigh Ann, I've learned a lot of patience and to take one day at a time. Her condition changes from day to day, and there are times when we need to rush her to the hospital. As I drive the highway at times I think of the worst that could happen to her, and it's hard to hold back the tears. Her handicaps don't bother me; the thing that bothers me is when she suffers. We love her the way she is, and if anything should happen to her, we want the satisfaction to know that we gave her the best possible care and all the love we could.

I'm not sure what's ahead, but I have learned to take one day at a time. It still amazes me that the day before the accident I stopped at home and Donna and I were discussing what the Lord's plan was for our lives, and I still wonder. But my heart's desire is, with the help of God, to be the best father I can to my children. I have a sign on the back of my tractor: "The family that prays together stays together." And I'm a firm believer in that.

Still Trusting God's Faithfulness Today

An update by Donald Hollinger

I first met Tom Shope at our TFC Truck Rally in 1992 and took a lot of pictures of his beautiful family and truck. However, I learned to know him better as the fine Christian gentleman he is in a later visit to his home, when I did my original interview (see previous page).

I was especially touched by the young boys who asked to pray for me before I left that day. These two young boys who had recently lost their mother in a terrible car wreck, that also caused serious injury and brain damage to their baby sister, wanted to pray for me! I will never forget that moment as long as I live!

For many years after, I looked forward to meeting the family at our Lebanon Truck Rally. But as the years moved on and the boys grew up, I would rarely see them anymore. Then, last summer I was delighted to bump into him at the Franklin County Make-A-Wish Parade, where he won a trophy for his beautiful new Mack.

That's when I also got an update on what was going on with his family. Daughter Leigh Ann went home to be with the Lord at age twenty-five. Tom's youngest son, Danny, and his wife had their first baby on May 16 of this year; her middle name is Leigh, after his much-loved sister. Proud grandfather Tom (who gave a gift to TFC in honor of her birth) said she is doing well and is just adorable!

For several years Tom was leased to FedEx, but sold his truck and today drives double for Martin's Bread out of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

It was so good to see Tom again and see him walking strong in the faith that sustained him during that tragic time so many years ago. ☹

(Top) Joey, Leigh Ann, and Danny with Tom; (middle: A young Tom with the beautiful blue truck he drove back then; (bottom) with his Mack and the trophy he won at the Make-A-Wish parade.



When You Are Wounded By Words Turn to The Word

The Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will give you victory. He will rejoice over you with great gladness; he will love you and not accuse you. Zephaniah 3:17 Living Bible



A Truck Rally Photo Scrapbook







FROM THE CANADIAN FRONTLINES

Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers in Canada

From the Logs of the Crossroads Truckes Chapel in Chilliwack, BC

- ◆ I had a nice talk with a driver. He told me that he is a Christian and that he talks to other drivers about God on a regular basis. I prayed for him before he left.
- ◆ A driver came into the chapel carrying a Bible. He asked a lot of questions. I was able to answer the questions and explained the way of salvation to him. He said he was sitting on the fence and was not ready to make a decision yet. He told me he would read through the Gospel of John and would get back to me.
- ◆ I met with eight drivers and shared with them how I was praying for them, then asked them if they had any specific prayer concerns they would like to share. They all felt comfortable with me praying. Before they left they thanked me for praying for their safety on the highway.
- ◆ While walking the parking lot, I went up to a truck, feeling the Lord wanted me to talk to the driver. It turns out he was a Christian. He shared that he'd lost his stepson the previous week in a police incident. I comforted him and prayed with him for God's comfort and strength.
- ◆ Sean came to the corn roast, depressed from a bad break up with his girlfriend. He saw me go into the chapel and followed me. His friend, who is a Christian, came in with him. After he shared his struggles, I shared Christ with him, telling him Jesus is the answer to his struggles. I asked him if he would like to give his life to God. He said yes, and I went through the Scriptures with him, and then asked his friend if he wanted to lead him in the sinner's prayer, which he did. I then laid my hands on him and led him in a prayer of thanksgiving.
- ◆ Ken is a truck driver who just lost his job. He came in looking for help and shared his problems. I shared Christ with him and told him that Jesus is the answer to his problems. I told him that if he gave his life to Jesus, the Holy Spirit would empower him to say NO to Satan. I led him in the sinner's prayer and helped him do the first lesson in our three-part Bible Study for truckers.
- ◆ A driver from North Toronto was willing to talk. He told me he lost his faith a long time ago. I told him it was time to get close to God again before it was too late. I had a nice talk with him, and he accepted a Bible and promised to start reading it.
- ◆ A driver from Quebec stopped in - a nice man, but not interested in the Gospel. After a while he let me pray for him and he accepted a copy of Highway News.
- ◆ I was able to talk to many drivers in the lot; they were all very friendly. Before leaving each driver, I shared how I was praying for them. They thanked me, and each one took a Highway News. Before we parted ways, most of the drivers shook my hand and thanked me for stopping to visit them.
- ◆ A driver from Ontario was willing to talk and accepted a Highway News magazine. He told me he was baptized in 1996 in Romania and that he still seeks to serve the Lord. I asked him if he had a Bible, and he said he didn't have one in the truck. I gave him a Bible and prayed with him.

From the Logs of the L'Eau Vive Chapel in St. Liboire, QC

- ◆ A crane operator came into the chapel. He follows a cult and tried to have an argument with me. I explained to him that I am not here to have an argument with anyone, but to preach salvation in Jesus-Christ. I shared a little bit about the Word of God. He was happy about that and he probably will come back.
- ◆ I went to the driver's lounge and I met a truck driver from Rivière du Loup. He had never heard about Transport For Christ. I left my business card and one pen and I said, "Call me if there is something difficult in your life."
- ◆ I found a driver's license in the parking lot and did a research on Facebook and other sites to find the guy who had lost it. I finally found him. He gave me a phone call and he was really happy. I used that to talk with him about what God can do in his life.
- ◆ A truck driver from Prince Edouard Island came to the chapel to get information. I gave him all the information he needed and he was happy about that. I gave him the Highway News and a pen with my phone number on.
- ◆ I had a message on my Facebook TFC page from a truck driver, asking about our schedule, and said he will stop by to see us.

FROM THE CANADIAN FRONTLINES

Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers in Canada

From the Logs of the Passport Chapel in Pass Lake, ON

- ◆ A lady truck driver came in looking for a way to unlock the door as they left the key in the vehicle when they locked the door. With prayer and a coat hanger we were able to open the door and were on their way.
- ◆ Tyrone came in just before lunch. We had a nice chat about God's love, grace, and mercy.
- ◆ A driver was camped by the chapel when I came in, and we chatted for over an hour in the chapel. I referred to Scripture when he asked me questions. We had a good talk.
- ◆ Ross, a driver from Kitchener, was told by the Woodstock Chaplain to "stop by and encourage Sam." After chatting for an hour or so we had a time of prayer. We prayed for many different things.
- ◆ I hadn't seen Bruce for a couple of years; he was going by today and stopped in. We prayed for his wife, who has serious heart and lung issues.

From the Logs of the Pathfinder II in Woodstock, ON

- ◆ We set up a display in the drivers' appreciation area in the parking lot. Dan, the USA Director of this plaza, came over, put his hand on the New Testament, and said, "This is what we need, more prayer for our country." He shared that he attends a group prayer meeting.
- ◆ A driver who was born in Mexico dropped in to share his heart about some things in his past and how he feels he was wrongfully dismissed after twenty-two years of work. He struggles with hate toward the people. We listened and share some Scriptures and prayed with him. He thanked us for being here for him. We also gave him some Spanish tracts.
- ◆ Driver Real was praying with Chaplain Ross when I arrived. He then shared his personal and spiritual issues. We listened, shared the Scriptures, and prayed. He thanked us for being here.
- ◆ While I was in the plaza, I met William and chatted with him, only to learn they have an eight-year-old daughter suffering of cancer. I listened and assured him of our prayers for them, which he appreciated.
- ◆ Paul dropped in with a lot to say about personal matters. I was able to help him with scriptural advice. Then Rick arrived with an important issue to him, how he would need to put a family dog to sleep. I was able to listen with some understanding and then offered to pray for both these guys in a loving way and show God's love for them.
- ◆ When I went into the travel plaza restaurant, a driver whom I had met a week or so ago saw me. He said, "Chaplain, today was difficult." He went on into details about issues at home. What a joy to have them open up like that. One week they are strangers and now they share personal matters.
- ◆ A young couple from Tampa, Florida, dropped in with their two young boys. They had never seen a mobile chapel before. We chatted and I shared about the TFC ministry and prayed with them. They were visiting Canada for a few days.
- ◆ I had the windows open today and I heard conversation outside. I went out and found four people at our picnic table. We ended up in a good spiritual discussion and prayer.
- ◆ A driver from Manitoba came in for an hour and a half. We experienced a deep fellowship with our Lord. Both of us prayed and we departed in brotherly love.
- ◆ Shortly after I arrived, a very distraught driver walked in. His day had been difficult and I happened to be the first one who would listen. I happened to even understand his difficulty. Then Larry arrived sharing his own difficulties in life. I listened and shared some thoughts. While they were still here, driver friend Jon arrived and he had stuff to share. After a time of listening, we went into a time of prayer for them and others.
- ◆ Driver Tom dropped in for a few hours for some spiritual fellowship and a time of prayer. Drivers need Christian fellowship in a real way, so time in the chapel means a lot to them.
- ◆ A driver came in and began dumping his heart quickly. He had many struggles, but mostly with pornography. I found some literature to share with him about this type of addiction. We read some Scriptures and prayed. He thanked us for being here for him.
- ◆ A French lady driver came in crying. We asked how we could help, and she told us that God turned His back on her. She went on to share her difficulties. We listened, then prayed asking God to touch her and become part of her life. She thanked us and promised to come again.

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.
 Last month's truck (below) was a
 1970 Dodge



Ever Wondered What Would Happen if Truckers Decided to Strike? Brazilians found out this past May!

From airplanes grounded for lack of fuel to McDonald's having to close because they'd run out of buns, the problems ran the gamut! The grounds for the strike: a rise of 50% in diesel costs in the past twelve months, while wages didn't keep up. Our partners at the Paranagua and Imbituba ports reached out to the drivers who had parked their trucks along the highways or at local truck stops. We received the following report from Marcelo Soares, team leader of our partners in Brazil:

"Here in Brazil we had a truckers strike which started on May 21st and ended on May 30th. This strike virtually paralyzed the country; what follows is a brief report offered by our partner in Imbituba, about how they assisted truckers during those days.

"During the strike, we extended support to the truckers, setting up a kitchen of sorts at a truck stop across from the Ferju (a clothing manufacturer), where we distributed about 220 suppers to the truckers. While there we also gave haircuts and did blood pressure and glucose level checks to more than seventy truckers.



Happy to receive copies of God's Word



We also distributed warm clothing, as it was quite cold during those days (it's late fall and can get quite chilly in Southern Brazil).

We also provided to the truckers and their families necessities such as personal hygiene kits (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), and collected a good amount of food to hand out to them.

"We also distributed more than 100 Bibles and evangelistic materials, and on Sunday, May 27th, we had an open air service, with the presence of a wonderful orchestra from the Imbituba Assembly of God church.

"Please pray for the support team of the GIE: Chaplain Alexandre, Maxwell, Salatiel, Jean, Marcos, Vagner, Geziel, Alexsandro, and Fabiana. Best of all, and what makes us most thankful to God, is that after the presentation of the Word of God we had two decisions for Christ."



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Guilt Trip to...Nowhere

By Dr. Karl Benzio

Because I teach people to make decisions based on information, not emotions, I cringe when I hear parents, politicians, ministries, or pastors using guilt to “motivate” others. “If you loved me, you would do your chores.” “I worked long and hard on this meal, so you better eat it.” “We’ll have to cancel the event, unless you volunteer in the nursery to help us.” “Look at these starving kids in Africa and all the food you throw away. Please send money.” “See the pain Jesus went through for you? You should feel terrible; now accept Him as your Savior.”

Guilt can be a strong motivator, but guilt is used by those too lazy to properly motivate by communicating the need, goal, benefits, and consequences of a given situation, then waiting to see to whom God will speak. So motivating using guilt trips is not healthy. I am all for pointing out injustices and needs so people can step into their roles to help in these situations or make good decisions. But the issue I am trying to separate through these examples is this: we shouldn’t use guilt to motivate people.

Several subliminal, distorted, and false messages can occur when people act out of guilt. Here are four examples of false messages:

1. I am responsible for and can control someone else’s feelings through what I do.
2. The other person won’t feel better unless I act the way he or she wants.
3. When you want a friend to do something for you, it is okay to lay a guilt trip on him or her.
4. Decisions should be based on self-needs and emotions, not God’s truth, facts, and reasoning. (This is probably the worst message of all.) Unfortunately, these distorted messages can subtly seep into our everyday functioning and dramatically interfere with good decision-making.

Many pastors and priests try to whip their congregations into Christian action by delivering guilt-inducing sermons. Whether it’s pressuring someone to say the sinner’s prayer, to give money, to volunteer, or to stop a certain behavior, the end does not justify the means. I have personally experienced these guilt-evoking messages. Unfortunately, they undermine the very foundation of grace and love. They also keep you from developing the mind of Christ, which God wants to instill in each believer’s heart.

Today, take notice if you are feeling guilty about some-

thing, or if you are inducing guilt in someone else. Stop and examine why guilt is present. Guilt is important if you have done something wrong. Allow guilt to warn you that a problem exists, but don’t let it be your decision-maker. Let reason and the Bible direct your heart and actions. Confess, repent, apologize, and ask for forgiveness. Above all else, be mindful that God does not measure and judge you by the amount of good works you do. Rather He looks into your heart. Whether you allow God and His truths to guide and motivate your decisions or you let guilt and feelings guide and motivate you is your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father, I do not want to be stressed out about not “doing enough” as a good Christian. I know that You want me to relax in the assurance of Your perfect love. Today, help me remember that You delight in me more than I can ever imagine, that You see me cloaked in Your light and presence, and that there is no condemnation for those cloaked in You. Help me daily, Lord, to come closer to having the mind of Christ. Help me make decisions based on Your Word, not my feelings. Help me feel convicted and guilty about my wrongs, and then look to You for forgiveness, and to Your Word for guidance in doing right. I pray in the name of the One who knew no guilt ’til He bore all mine, Jesus Christ.

The Truth

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress” (Isaiah 61:10).

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:1-2).

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



What Happened to Common Sense?

I don't know about you, but I am overwhelmed when I find out that much of what we purchase today will be obsolete only months after it hits the market. It seems like we always have to have the latest and most advanced technological gadget because it will make our lives easier, help us communicate better; but has it? You judge for yourself...

The prophet Daniel tells us that in the last days there will be an increase of knowledge (Daniel 12:4). Yeah, knowledge is increasing, yet it hasn't helped to establish a world free from hatred, greed, pride, and prejudice. We can set up governments, build businesses, create towns that grow into cities, connect with the world at the touch of a button, get to the moon; we have the knowledge to create and advance, but lack the wisdom to sustain.

How many companies do you know that have been run into the ground because the son who took over a father's business lacked the wisdom needed to sustain it? Maybe you are working for someone right now who is in that position. It is not easy for you because you see the problems and the ultimate end; what can you do? Pray. The Lord may give you an opportunity to speak to your boss, but He will have to speak to him first, preparing his heart to receive your words.

As I observe life going on around me, I find the most basic element of wisdom lacking: that being common sense. But both common sense and wisdom are destroyed by pride, greed, and hatred.

Days run into years, years into decades, decades into centuries; but is there any indication that anything has been learned from the past? An old cliché says, "History repeats itself." Searching the Internet, I found an even better quote (author unknown): "History repeats itself because no one was listening the first time." That is actually a paraphrase of a famous quote by George Santayana, "Those who cannot remember the past are

condemned to repeat it," from his work *Reason in Common Sense*.

The fact is, history repeats itself because it keeps forgetting God or leaving Him out of the equation. Today we are seeing not just a forgetting of God but an outright rebellion against Him. When we forget God, we lose the gift of wisdom needed in our lives, and, in the words of the Psalmist, become fools: "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1). And Solomon reminds us in Proverbs, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).

Driver, what would happen if you would neglect putting oil in your truck? You would end up with a blown engine. Have you wondered why your life may be coming apart at the seams? Maybe your marriage is blowing up because you have neglected to be a good husband. It could be because you haven't taken hold of the wisdom we find in God's Word. The Bible holds the truth for our lives. Don't go through another day separated from God and the precious gift He has offered you in Jesus Christ.

There was a time when my engine (life) was blown, but Jesus gave me a new one, filled with new oil, and He keeps the oil level right up there as I spend time establishing a relationship with Him by praying and reading His Word each day. It's the only way to have real common sense...the only way to live life without repeating the mistakes of the past. ☹

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controlling, or over protective. Look for signs of abuse and drug use. Trafficked individuals sometimes have “branding” tattoos on the back of their necks or on their arms.

KW: I can imagine, an adult with a small group of distressed or out-of-it teens would be another red flag. *Pete:* I think we have an intuition when something wrong is going on. So what do we do when we see something?

Mac: The bottom line is *not to intervene*. Call the Human Trafficking Hotline if you’re in the U.S. and 911 when in Canada. They’ll ask you questions about what you’re observing and they’ll contact the authorities. Try to get as much detail as you can about the people involved and the vehicle they are in.

KW: I stopped at a chapel several months ago and the chaplain told the story about a young girl who got away from her handler and ran to the chapel as a safe haven. The chaplain called the police and she was rescued. The chaplain telling the story said that was not the only time such an incident happened with their chaplains. Then he gave out cards with the trafficking hotline phone number.

Pete: I need to get one of the cards and I need to be more observant. OK, guys, gotta run. ☹

Make a note of the information below and keep it on a card with you for quick access, should you ever notice something that doesn’t feel right:

- ◆ In the U.S., call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.
- ◆ In Canada, call 9-1-1 or the local police.
- ◆ Truckers Against Trafficking website:
www.TruckersAgainstTrafficking.org

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Do You Know Your ABCs?

If you were to die today,
where would you spend eternity?
You can know for sure.

ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER. "... as it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'" (Romans 3:10, 23).

BELIEVE IN JESUS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS AND FOR ETERNAL LIFE. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

CONFESS JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD AND TURN FROM YOUR SINS. "... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved ... for 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Romans 10:9, 13). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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