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Dear *Highway News*,

I just got done reading the August issue, and I really enjoyed it. The stories were very good, and the photos are great. The positive messages are something to hang on to, especially where I am at... I can relate to the stories of the drivers, as I was one back in the 1990s. I currently am a member of the AHS truck club. In my spare time I do paintings of the members' trucks. I'm currently doing one of a 1987 Pete cabover...

I sure do look forward to future issues of *Highway News*. My guess on the truck photo is a '73 White 9000 day cab. God bless, and keep on trucking!

*John H.
Stillwater, MN*

Even though I'm not a trucker, I love this magazine!

*Julie
Via Facebook*

Christ is working here for sure! Feeling lost? Stop in and talk to a chaplain or pick up some magazines. Great comfort zone!

*David
Via Facebook*

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A Word from Dan

"Have a wonderful day," the polite high-school-aged clerk said as I paid my bill. Oh, give me a break, I groused in my mind while my voice replied, "You, too." Truth be told, her comment was better than the annoyed look I sometimes get having interrupted a clerk on the cell phone while trying to pay for my dinner.

A TFC colleague abruptly changed my thinking about having a wonderful day. Sam expressed his hope that I would have a wonder-filled day. Wonder-filled, wonder-full—they mean much the same, but hearing a word in a slightly different way than we expect can have us think from a different perspective. So, a wonderful day might mean that the road rises to meet you and the wind is at your back, to quote an old Irish blessing. But a wonder-filled day is one where you see, hear, smell, touch, taste, or think about things that make you stop for a moment in amazement. "My, my, this roasted chicken with rosemary seasoning excites my taste buds." I think of the moment I saw my dad's farmer parents walking across a market parking lot holding hands—in their seventies. How about the weigh station attendant who smiled at you and said you are doing a good job?

In some way, life IS what you look for in your comings and goings. Hurricane Florence in September, the murders of police officers, the murders of unarmed civilians, the loss of a hauling contract, the terminal illness of a child, they all suggest that maybe hell is here on earth. Then there are the shining moments of neighbors helping neighbors during devastation, officers giving coupons for a Thanksgiving turkey rather than citations, the surprise load that pays better than usual, and the joy-filled cancer patient helping other patients in their struggle. Grace really is alive.

Please do not misunderstand me. I am not suggesting that we ignore injustice or tragedy and always "look on the bright side." Rather, look for the things that inspire wonder. They do exist. Sometimes wonder-filled things are very small and you must look very intentionally.

Jesus acknowledged the co-existence of tragedy and grace when He said, "...in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 NIV). Discovering the wonder of freedom in the grace of Jesus is the beginning of seeing the wonder within His creation.

As my friend Sam says, "Have a wonder-filled day."

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV)

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*A 2016 KW
Model 660 M,
Cummins ISX
engine, 13-
speed Eden
transmission,
from New
Holland
Transport; see
story on page 8.*



Transport For Christ...

*Leading truck drivers as well as the trucking community
to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith*

Reaching Truckers in Tanzania

By Kevin Scott

In October of 2017, Rev. Norbert Mbwiliza, from Tanzania, emailed an inquiry to the International Office. He had learned about our ministry and wanted to find out how they could add a ministry to truck drivers to what they already do at their ministry, Norbert and Friends, that works to better the lives of people in Tanzania by overcoming poverty, giving access to clean drinking water, providing education, and guiding them into a relationship with God. Evangelizing truck drivers, even treating them as valuable human beings, sadly is not a part of the African mentality, and they wanted to reach them for the Lord and help their situation.

We entered into discussions of what a partnership could look like, studied each other's core values and doctrinal beliefs, and finally in the spring we

entered into an Affiliation Agreement. A group of men who graduated from the Bible school program run by Rev. Norbert wanted to begin this ministry. Two were chosen to go to Chirundu, Zambia, in June and learn under Chaplain David—Pastors Jeremiah Mpepho and Peter Mdonko. Chaplain David spent several days of “in class” study with them, reviewing the TFC Ministry Manual (adapted for Africa).

Top: Trainees with Chaplain David at the Border Crossing.

Middle: Chaplain David (center) with trainee chaplains Jeremiah and Peter.

Right: Norbert and Friends; they are committed to reaching truckers in Tanzania with the message that God loves them.





They traveled to truck stops around the Chirundu area as well as the border crossing. The border was their first stop. Upon arriving there, the first driver they spoke with greeted them with open hostility, expecting that they were there to judge him and the others. When David explained that they were there because they cared about the drivers, and even more so that God cared for and loved the drivers, this hostile driver visibly changed and became very open. Chaplain Jeremiah and Chaplain Peter were able to lead him, and four other drivers, in accepting Christ!

We had sent Bibles and *Highway News* to Tanzania, and the resources arrived the day

before they planned to put into practice what they had learned. With these tools in hand Chaplains Peter and Jeremiah were very well received, and that first day they were able to lead seven drivers to the Lord. They are teaching the others in their ministry and God is blessing their efforts as they share the story of God's love.

We are in need of funds to send more resources to Tanzania. If you would like to help make this happen, please go to the TFC website (www.transport-forchrist.org) and click on the "Donate" tab at the bottom of the home page and follow the instructions. Please be sure to indicate "Overseas Ministries" as your TFC contact. Thank you! ☺



The Highway News is a great way for chaplains to make contact with truckers, who can't believe someone would care for them so much, they would produce a magazine just for them!



Can You Guess This Truck?

Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.



Last month's truck
(below) was a 1953
Peterbilt.



“Meet one of the best not-yet-saved evangelists I’ve ever met.”

A story from Russia - by Kevin Scott

Trucker Ginnady has been coming to the chapel in Moscow for eleven years; he says the chapel is his church, and yet he has not yet become a Christian.

We met when Dad and I were visiting the ministry in Moscow last year. As we talked, he told us that after coming to the chapel for six years, he brought his wife with him because she needed to hear the message of God, and she became a Christian. Two years later he brought his daughter, with the same result. Then, after nine years of coming to the chapel, he brought his 88-year-old father with him for the 1600km trip. He brought him because, he said, his father wasn't well, and he needed to hear the message of God before it was too late. His father, who was blind as a result of his trade in welding in a time when they only had poor quality masks, became a Christian, returned home, and has become actively involved in his local church.



From left to right, Chaplain Alexander, driver Timur, Chaplain Vladimir, and Ginnady

I finally asked Ginnady why he thought these other people needed God and yet he didn't. He told me that he knew he needed God, and that one day he would accept Him, but that he was not yet remorseful for his sins, and he didn't want to lie to God about wanting to change. This led to a long conversation, revealing that at the heart Ginnady feels unworthy of God's love because of his past acts. We talked, we prayed, Ginnady thanked us, and left. He returned an hour later with another driver, who he said needed to hear the message of God. Later he returned with a third!

Recently Ginnady experienced chest pains while at the truck stop, and Chaplain Vladimir ended up taking him to the hospital. As he was being taken away, Ginnady looked at a new driver at the truck stop, Feydoro, and told him that when he returned he was taking him to the chapel.

True to his word, when Ginnady returned later that day he took Feydoro to the chapel, and again on Wednesday and again Thursday. During their visit on Thursday, Chaplain Vladimir was able to explain to Feydoro that it's not about us trying hard enough to be good enough for God, but about God loving us so much He sent Jesus to die for us. Feydoro accepted Christ that day. **Please pray that Ginnady will finally understand for himself the real meaning of God's grace!** ☺



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!

Family in a Headset

Pete: Fre yo (Creole, brothers), what a week this has been! So good to hear your voices. Needin' the connection.

Mac: Ah, me lad, mighty good to hear yer voice, too. Maybe we can release a little of that tension I be hearin' in it.

Pete: I'm just whining. But talking to you friends helps put things back on track. Before I forget, what ever happened with Marianna? She called in a couple times and then, Mac, you set her up to call a couple dam chofè kamyon (lady truck drivers).

Mac: I haven't heard from her for a season.

KW: Would you believe? I ran into her at a DC outside of Des Moines two weeks ago. She and two other ladies have been calling like we do for the past four months. She knows of three other trios that started when she gave them the idea.

Pete: That's impressive. Glad to hear that others are catching on.

KW: So, how do you men stay in touch with your families? I'm thinking about your in-laws, brothers and sisters, parents.

Mac: This social meeting is great.

KW: Hey old, distinguished guy, it's social media!

Mac: So it is. My age group is still using Facebook so I post things that I see while traveling around this great land. I get to see what is happening with the grandkids and cousins. Some of the relatives in the Scottish ol' country post once and again.

Pete: The kids are using Snapchat, Instagram, and WhatsApp. My college daughter helps me keep up with the latest. WhatsApp is great if you have people in other countries. Something else—my wife helped me get the birthdays of family and close friends on my phone calendar. I give them a call, or at least a text, on their birthdays. We talk other times, too, but I want to let them know I remember their birthdays.

Mac: You are devoted. Good on ya! Ken, how often do you talk to your parents?

KW: Not often enough, according to them. They'd like me to call every day, but I make sure to call every week. And I stop to visit whenever I'm home.

Mac: Yessiree, each family has to work out what is manageable, but connection is important.

Pete: I've seen some sad, sad attitudes. Some drivers like staying out on the road as long as they can to avoid being with the family. I get that there is bad history, even abuse, but having no family connection makes trucking a lonely business.

Mac: I've known lots of drivers—mostly men; women seem to connect better—who live solitary lives. Some people are just wired to be quiet and on their own. Others have been hurt real deep and are always on the run.

KW: Maybe I'm one of those independent guys.

Pete: I don't think so, my brother (fre mwen). You are always the first one on our calls. Remember a couple weeks ago you were angry with me for being late. I believe you love talking with people.

KW: Maybe you're right, but I don't talk to many people.

Mac: Some people have many friends, others have a few deep friends. It's all OK. Just remember that we all need people. And if you are a Christian, you need to have people that help you follow the Holy Spirit. We all can use encouragement and a reminder of God's promises.

Pete: Right, you are, Mac. You two are some of my best helpers in following Jesus. But now, I must go so I can call my dear bride. Until next week.

KW: Until then. Thank you, brothers

Mac: Cheers. ☺

CHAPLAINS' LOGS

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

Mike, a new believer, came in for the morning service. We spent most of our time going over the Scriptures to help him in his walk with Christ, and finished our time with prayer and thanksgiving to our Lord. He told me he came in after reading "The Lesson of the Water Glass" in the *Highway News* I gave him earlier.

- Chaplain Bud -

◆ Trucker Len stopped by to talk. He got a call yesterday that his father passed away. It was no surprise—his dad had been sick for about six months. His father was a Christian man and raised his family in the Christian faith, so he knows where he is now, in the arms of Jesus. Len is trying to get his load delivered so he can get back home by the weekend. Before he left I prayed with him for the Lord to give him comfort and also for his family. Len told me he knows he will see his father again one day in heaven. *Chaplain Rich*

◆ Kenneth and his son, Tyler, came for Bible study and encouragement. Ken had been off driving truck for a few years due to sickness, but is well now and back driving. Tyler, who is seventeen, was very encouraged with our discussion on living in obedience to the Lord. We also had a good prayer time. Later Kendall came in needing to unload. He is so down with all the evil going on the world. He was very thankful to be able to stop by to talk and pray. *Chaplain David*

◆ Driver Robert came in for our gathering. He shared his faith journey; he has solid trust in Jesus Christ. The message was on "From slavery to friend to child of God." Robert told me that the type of people in the Bible that resonate with him are the "fatherless." He doesn't know his father and never had a father figure in his life of sixty-three years. He was challenged and encouraged to know he is in a family with God as Father. He said that as a trucker he is isolated from fellowship except through truck stop chapels. *Chaplain Dan*

◆ Jeremy came into the chapel and said he heard my announcement for the Maundy Thursday worship service in the chapel. We talked for about forty-five minutes about life and the Scriptures and about Jesus celebrating the Passover. Then I asked if he would join me in a communion service. It was a precious time! Before he left, he prayed for me and TFC, thanking God that we were there. I prayed a blessing over him as well. *Chaplain Gary*

◆ Driver Kevin stopped in. He said I had given him a Christmas bag the last two years. He came in to say thanks and ask for prayer for his wife, who has rheumatoid arthritis and cancer. *Chaplain Hank*

◆ I met Gene in the café, where he was conversing with another driver. Later, Gene stopped by the chapel for a chat. He needed some encouragement because of his pending divorce. *Chaplain Dave*

◆ A driver came into the chapel and I talked and prayed with him. I asked him if he had accepted Jesus, and he told me his father was a preacher and that he went to church. I explained that going to church does not save you, then explained the Gospel to him. He said YES to Jesus today and was saved. *Chaplain Tony*

◆ A driver came in and asked if he could have a Bible, and I gave him one. We talked for a couple of hours and I led him to the Lord. We will meet again tomorrow. *Chaplain Jim*

◆ Drivers Ron and Chris, a husband-and-wife team, came in. They were a blessing. They did not hear the announcements but saw the light and OPEN sign and came in. They said they saw the chapel when they drove in last night and wanted to come to the study. Praise the Lord for the lighted cross and Open sign. *Chaplain John*

◆ A driver dropped in needing prayer for depression and for his ongoing divorce process, which is so difficult for him. He feels he failed and still very much loves his wife. I listened, read the Scriptures, and prayed. He thanked me for our being here—a place where they can stop for a cup of spiritual water. *Chaplain Len*

◆ One driver came in and said he was upset because he couldn't be home for Easter. He was headed to the truck stop to get a case of beer so he could sleep all day Sunday when he saw the sign for service. He saw me and I invited him into the chapel, so he chose the service instead. *Chaplain Clifford*

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

Do You Have Heaven on Layaway?

Years ago, many stores offered layaway plans which allowed shoppers to select their items, which the store held while they made small, weekly payments. When the items were fully paid, they could go back to the store to finally take possession of their merchandise.

When I was a youngster, my parents bought me a bicycle on the layaway plan. I had to walk to the store each week and make the small payment. As I walked, I couldn't help but think about how wonderful it would be when the bike was paid off and finally mine. Only then could I know what it would be like to ride and enjoy it.

In our spiritual lives, I think we all know that there is a God, and I don't know anyone who does not want to go to heaven when our time here on earth is finished. But are you treating heaven like a layaway plan? Are you doing a succession of good deeds hoping to accumulate enough heavenly credits to allow you to enter?

God does not have a layaway plan for heaven. Eternal life in heaven with God, our Creator and Father, is a free gift to all of us. We cannot earn it by doing good deeds. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not

by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

And we don't have to wait until our time on earth is complete to know for sure that we will be welcomed into heaven. You can have that assurance right now if you accept God's free gift of salvation in Christ. Confess to God that you have made mistakes in your life, that you have sinned; then ask Him to forgive you and cleanse you of your wrongdoings, which He has promised to do if we just ask by faith. "Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:22-23).

**God does not have
a layaway plan
for heaven.**

Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty of our sin and to give us eternal life—so you can take hold of heaven now, if you accept the salvation He offers. "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-4). ☺

Know Today that Heaven Is in Your Future

- ☒ Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- ☒ Confess Jesus 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.

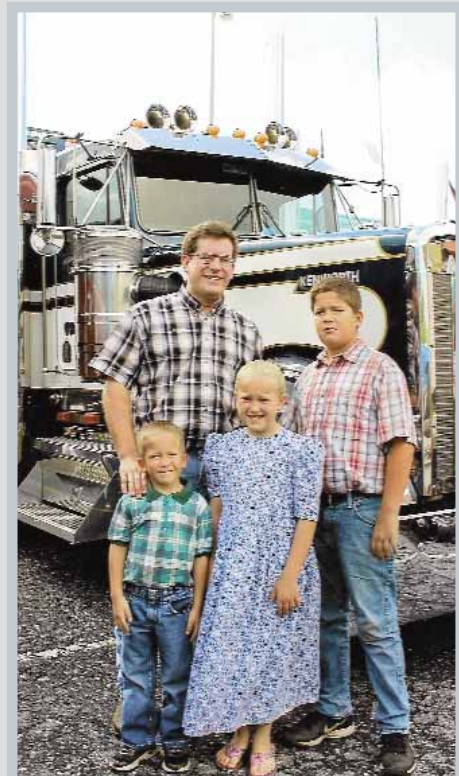


New Holland Transport Builds New Facility

By Donald Hollinger

This past September 1st, I had the privilege of attending New Holland Transport's open house along with about 900 others. This beautiful new facility, located just off the Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 286 and Route 222, features 50,000 square feet of cold storage space with a fifty-foot-high ceiling and twelve dock doors. The new truck garage has thirteen bays, and the truck repair garage has seven bays, including the wash bay and grease pit. They have twenty-four trucks and employ twenty-two drivers plus about ten part-time employees.

I also had the privilege to sit down with Josh Hollinger, vice president and general manager of the company. Josh started with the company in 1998; at that time it was known as New Holland Egg Transport. He drove over-the-road until 2010, when his oldest son started school; he took an office job because he felt he should be home more.



The company, owned by the George Weaver family, was bought by George Weaver, III, in 2000, when he changed the name to New Holland Transport. But it wasn't until 2015 that Josh bought into the company. Asked what contributed to the rapid growth of the company over the past few years and the need for the new, larger facility, he said it's not so much due to many new customers, but more due to the growth of their own faithful customers' companies.

Josh grew up in a Christian home; his grandfather was a preacher and Josh went to church all his life. He accepted the Lord at age thirteen, but kept falling away in his later teen years, until age nineteen, when he got tired of repenting and then falling away so many times and made a total commitment to the Lord. He gives witness to the godly influence of his father: "My dad was a tremendous example for me with his meek and quiet way of life. Growing up through those difficult teen years, I would see my dad on his knees praying and I knew, beyond any doubt, that he was praying for me. My goal now is to be the same godly example for my family that Dad was to me." Josh and his wife, Carla, have four children. Like me, he likes big old trucks; between him and his brother Tony, they own four or five, some restored, some under restoration.

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Opposite page, top: one of NHT's beautiful trucks

Opposite page, bottom: Josh Hollinger with his children at the 2017 TFC Truck Rally

This page, top: Welcome area at the Open House

Above: Visitors had the rare chance to see things from the perspective of the grease pit

Left: The fuel island greets truckers with words of welcome and with the reference of Psalm 91:11—"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."



Open House Scenes: Top, visitors had the rare opportunity to see a grease pit from the inside; bottom, kids had a ball playing in one of the wash bays.

And he truly enjoys his job. "The many friends I've met over the years in this business and the great group of coworkers I'm privileged to work with have been a tremendous encouragement in my life," he said. "My hope and goal is to bless them as much as they've blessed me.

"I enjoy what I do. I'd probably do it even if I didn't get paid! My wife mentioned that she can never tell if I'm actually working or just playing around at my hobby. I thought about explaining if it's a new truck, it might be work, but if it's an old truck, it might be hobby-ing. I decided not to confuse the issue and told her it's all the same, on the chance that simplicity may be considered a virtue!" 🍷



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(From their website)



Top, Warehouse Manager Ken Martin takes visitors on a tour of the large cold storage area.

Middle, one of the company's beautiful trucks; this one visitors were able to see from every angle—including under it (see previous page).

Bottom, a tractor ride waits for kids in front of the beautiful new facility.



We Cannot Choose Our Circumstances But We Can Choose Our Attitude

Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:23-24 NLT



MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers

From the Logs of the Brunswick Ministry Centers, Brunswick, Georgia

- ◆ I had a good service with several drivers. One was a Muslim who stayed and talked afterward.
- ◆ Two drivers were in the TV lounge at the time of the service, but they didn't seem to have come for the service. They were on their cell phones. I was able to engage one of them, and I presented the Gospel. Then the second one started giving me attention. Soon one had to leave—and then the other. But another person arrived for a while. Then, a fourth person came. It was interesting how God let me share in snippets.
- ◆ I was able to help a transient woman who was just getting started on the right track in life. I let her borrow my phone to call friends for transportation. Then I prayed with her.
- ◆ A father and young son came in from the laundry area, and I was able to present the Gospel to them and pray with them. I left them with some Bible study material.
- ◆ I saw a driver with his head downward and started talking with him. I spent a long time answering questions and encouraging him in the faith he knew as a child. Prayed with him and gave him my number.
- ◆ Two drivers, husband and wife, showed up for the service. They are deeply committed Christian believers. We shared some spiritual “meat”. We all encouraged each other to continue in our Christian walk and outreach.
- ◆ I set up in the TV lounge and shared the Word and a personal testimony, even though most of the drivers were engrossed with their smart phones. At one point, only one driver was left. He came up and shook my hand with a big thanks.
- ◆ There was Muslim man sitting in the TV lounge alone when I arrived. We got into a conversation which lasted for a while. He challenged me with some questions. I listened, while praying, and tried to respond to a few and shared the need for the cross and the identity of Jesus Christ. It was good meeting which I believe God ordained.
- ◆ Two drivers that attended the service were Spanish. One had his Bible on his phone, the other driver I gave him a Spanish Bible. We had a strong evangelistic service. There were tears of joy and recommitment from both drivers.
- ◆ Myron came to the TV lounge for the service. We had a good Gospel discussion. He was a believer but had some questions which we found answers for in the Bible.

From the Logs of the Harbor Light Chapel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

- ◆ A driver came in for some fellowship. He lost his wife back in April from a heart attack and he was feeling that God wanted him to give his entire life to Him, but said he is afraid to take the next step. I prayed with him and asked the Lord to give him guidance in his walk with Him. Then Paul came in for some fellowship. He gave his testimony of how the Lord has been good to him. He talked for about an hour and then said he would be back for the service tomorrow.
- ◆ Andy came in today. He had been here yesterday and just wanted to pray. Today he wanted to talk. He let a lot of personal issues out. He wanted some prayer and was seeking counsel. We spent about three hours in Scripture and prayer.
- ◆ A driver from Serbia, now driving truck in the USA, came in. He is a Christian and we talked for a while.
- ◆ A driver came in around 6:00 PM. He had a lot going on in his life and needed someone to talk to. I asked him if he knew the Lord as his Savior, he said he did. He said when he prayed it made him feel good but when he did not pray his day would not be good. I asked him to stay for the evening service because that is the message tonight.
- ◆ One visitor, Donna, stopped in to get a *Daily Bread* devotional and thank us for the service we provide for the drivers.
- ◆ Driver Julius came in today; he has been coming here for a while. He used to come prior to being a driver and ask for prayer as he was attempting to get into the industry. He is now an Owner/Operator. Today he came in asking for prayer and guidance as he continues on his path in the industry and is facing the challenges associated with owning a truck. He also had some questions, which we discussed.
- ◆ Stanley, from Bear Creek, Pennsylvania, was at the MacDonald's with his kids when they saw the chapel and wanted to see the inside. They came in and asked what Transport For Christ is all about, and I was glad to share.
- ◆ Drivers Joe and Mike were in for the 9:00 AM service. Chaplain Rich gave the message on why bad things happen. Driver Mike commented that this message was actually what he needed to hear. Two drivers came for the evening service. One of them, Brett, said the message was what he needed to hear.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers

From the Logs of the SONshine Chapel in Ocala, Florida

- ◆ Driver Doug came into the chapel and we fellowshiped over the Word of God. Doug confessed he had gotten away from going to church and God. I prayed that God would bring him back to Himself and for true repentance and obedience.
- ◆ Driver Larry came in for prayer. I gave him a New Testament and encouraged him to return to reading and praying fifteen minutes a day. Larry was very grateful for the chapel being here.
- ◆ Driver Thomas came in and asked if I could help him to get home to Kentucky. I asked him if he knew Jesus. He said no. I took him through John 3 and Ephesians 2 and asked him if he would like to ask Jesus into his life; he said yes, so I led him through the sinner's prayer, asking God to give him His wisdom and understanding. I gave him a New Testament and pointed him to the Gospel of John and Ephesians 2. Praise God, there is a new name written in glory!
- ◆ A local gentleman came by for prayer and guidance in regards to his sister committing suicide two days ago. I spent time talking and praying with him, and gave him my contact info and contact info for the chapel in case he needs to talk more.
- ◆ I accompanied Luis to his parents' house and visited with Luis, Sr. He has RA and OA and is having a hard time dealing with the constant pain. After hearing the Gospel, Luis, Sr. accepted Jesus as his Savior and Lord. It was truly a blessing to do this today.
- ◆ Chaplain Gordon met a young lady waiting for her bus back to Atlanta. She'd been dealing with using meth and marijuana. Gordon realized she had come to end of trying to deal with her addiction. He prayed for her and gave her a TFC New Testament and told her to read John 3. She seemed to be a different person than when we first met her.
- ◆ Driver Cliff came in. We talked for about thirty minutes and prayed together about his trying to get back into church life. I gave him a CD to listen to.
- ◆ While walking the lot I met Jamie Tores. We came back to the chapel and prayed, He is on his way to Miami but hopes to return to Ocala

From the Logs of the Tulip City Truck Stop Chapel in Holland, Michigan

- ◆ Driver David saw me sitting on the chapel deck and came to visit. He shared that he got saved sixteen years ago at a Petro in Oklahoma, and his wife got saved at the TFC chapel in Nashville!.
- ◆ A woman came in with her granddaughter to see what the chapel looked like. The granddaughter was riding with her grandparents for four weeks while she was on summer break from school.
- ◆ A Christian driver came in and we talked on Isaiah 61:7-8 about being blessed by God. He gave me examples of how he was being Jesus to his Muslim neighbors and their children where he lives.
- ◆ William, from Alabama, stopped to thank me and encourage me to keep serving this industry with Christ.
- ◆ Ken, from St. Louis, came in and we talked for quite a while. He had accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior earlier in his life, but has struggled with demonic experiences his whole life. We talked of how Jesus gives us victory over our past and over Satan's ability to use it to steal our joy. He took a Bible and insights on new ways to defeat negative thoughts.

From the Logs of the Indy Lighthouse Chapel in Indianapolis, Indiana

- ◆ Leroy and Valerie, a trucker and his wife, visited the chapel. He talked about his desire to serve God in some capacity beyond what he does already in his trucking work—possibly prison ministry.
- ◆ Abel came in saying it was his first time in a chapel. We talked for a while and then I asked if he was saved or born again. He said no, but that he went to church. I presented the Gospel and he now knows Jesus as his Savior!
- ◆ A father and son, both drivers, came in and stayed for forty-five minutes. Both had great Bible knowledge and broad experience in their Christian walk. We had a good discussion on the book of Revelation and the Gospel of John. Before they left we prayed together for the Lord's return and peace for Jerusalem.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers

From the Logs of the Lighthouse Chapel in Racine, Wisconsin

- ◆ Three drivers came in for the morning service. All three professed to know Christ. We began a study in the book of Colossians. We had a good discussion after the message.
- ◆ Two drivers came in for the evening service. One is a retired pastor who drives for the Wisconsin Veterans home. Both men are deep into God's Word and I became the learner. All of us were blessed by our time in the Lord.
- ◆ Driver Roger, from Michigan, stopped in to talk. He is a believer and we had a good time of fellowship and prayer for each other before he left.
- ◆ Driver Loren came in. He is a truck driver during the week and a pastor on Sunday. Loren loves the Lord Jesus.
- ◆ A driver came in to fellowship. He was full of the Holy Spirit and we had a good discussion. He has family in Poland and Chicago who are nominal Christians. We prayed they would put their faith in Christ and not in tradition. We prayed for his wife who is wheelchair-bound and is saved.
- ◆ Driver David and his co-driver, Randy, from Knoxville, came in. I have visited with Randy a number of times, but this is the first time with David. I prayed for them before they left.
- ◆ After giving out *Highway News* magazines, I got back to the chapel to find driver Austin kneeling down, praying for the salvation of his girlfriend and her two sisters. It's been weighing on his mind and he felt this was a good place to come and pray. We talked for a while and prayed for him and the three ladies. He thanked me for praying with him.
- ◆ Drivers Brian and Albert came into the chapel. Brian has been here before, but it was Albert's first visit. Both are strong believers in Christ. They shared prayer requests, and requested further contact.
- ◆ Driver Michael was in for the evening service, staying until 11:45 PM. We discussed many topics; he is a believer but needed encouragement to do more reading and studying of God's Word.
- ◆ Driver Marvin came in to talk. Marvin is a believer and just wanted someone like-minded to talk to, and we did that for an hour. We finished with prayer.
- ◆ Driver Cindy came in the chapel today. She is a believer in Christ and appreciated TFC being here.
- ◆ Driver George stopped in to pick up a Bible, as he'd misplaced his. He took a *Road Map of Life* New Testament and we then spent about an hour talking and prayed together before he left.
- ◆ Driver Charles stopped in to thank us for the chapel and what we do. He wants to get out of the trucking business because he is not making any money. His truck has been broken down more than not. He says he is a believer who wrestles with God. I prayed for him to commit everything to Jesus Christ and seek out a different job.

From the Logs of the Rest Haven Chapel in Toledo, Ohio

- ◆ Michael, from Kansas, stopped to check us out. He is a young driver, about five years on the road, and an upbeat fellow.
- ◆ Andy stopped in and we spent time in the Bible and he thanked us for being here. He said he will be here next weekend. We prayed and he left.
- ◆ The first visitor was a Russian-born driver who lives in Minnesota. He was with his brother's daughter, her husband, and their two-year-old son, in America for a visit. They didn't speak much English; however, Tim got the guitar out and sang "Jesus Loves Me," to their great delight. Later, while Tim and I were having dinner, we struck up a conversation with a driver from Poland. He was preparing to retire from driving and return to his native country.
- ◆ Three drivers came in to fellowship: Chuck came in to say hello and have prayer. He said it was a year ago that he was in, but hadn't gotten a run back here. We prayed and he left. George had never stopped in the chapel before, even though he gets through here. We fellowshiped and prayed for his family. He said he would be stopping here from now on. James stops in every time he goes through here. We prayed for his unbelieving brother, that God would touch his heart and he would ask Jesus into his life.
- ◆ Driver Alex, from California, came in to talk about his heavy load. He was born in Moldova and came to America. He has been truck driving for a couple of years now. He shared his life and said he did not know if he would go to heaven when he died. The Gospel was presented and with tears in his eyes he prayed to receive Christ!

Leaning Is Powerful

By Dr. Karl Benzio

My earlier life was filled with many earthly victories, as well as many spiritual defeats. When God caught my attention and I started really following Him, He brought several mature Christian men into my life who gave me some spiritual coaching. They taught me how to lean on them. During my time of weakness, I was able to prop up myself with the strength God gave me through them.

The ultimate lesson came while I was sick – so weak that I couldn't eat or drink for 2 weeks due to Hepatitis A. Some of those guys came over to do my yard work. Embarrassed that others were doing my job, I slowly dragged myself out in my robe and tried to shoo them away. My good friend Les, the leader of our small group, said, "Quit being a jerk. We are here for you, but more importantly, here to serve God. Quit robbing us of the blessing we get from serving God and you, and stop acting so proud. Accept God's love through us and go back in the house and rest." That stopped me in my tracks.

Maturing Christians who are growing in their relationship with the Father gradually mature in their ability to lean. Leaning is not something that comes easily to many of us, especially grind-it-out guys. Our stubborn independence leads us to view leaning as a sign of weakness. However, the Bible makes it clear that leaning is one of the marks of a real Christian.

In our early years, we were learning to lean but we made an almost fatal mistake by leaning on the wrong support. We leaned on a fellow 9 year old, or another teenager, or a parent who didn't give our leaning the serious attention it needed. Or we may have leaned on a job, a degree, a sport, a drug, sex, food, or "you fill in the blank." When we got hurt, let down or ignored we learned, "I can't lean on anyone or anything but myself to meet my needs."

Maturing Christians will break that pattern and become vulnerable again. We begin by leaning away from the conventional wisdom of self-reliance. We learn to lean on God and trust His wisdom and goodness. As we begin to lean on God instead of ourselves, we soon realize that His way is always the best way. Christians lean into God's divine purpose. The greatest desire of Christians should be to accomplish God's purpose in our lives, as this is what truly glorifies Him and fulfills us the most.

Christians also lean on each other. Independence is not always admirable. However, interdependence is a biblical principle that carries the idea of mutually healthy dependence. The Trinity is the ultimate picture of interdependence. Christians should understand the value of community ... engage in it ... and contribute to it. This is what the term "Christian fellowship" means, showing God to each other and helping each other grow to become more Christ-like.

Today, identify an area of your life where you are leaning on the wrong support. Why are you leaning on it? Is it really supporting you now? Can it support you for the long run? Analyze what keeps you from leaning on God. Start to lean on God. Accept help from other people whom God has placed in your life. Stop carrying the "I can do it myself" mentality to an extreme. Whether you lean on God, and God alone, or you lean on something much weaker is your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father God, thank You for the blessing of safe people on whom I can lean. I pray, Father, that You will help me to listen to Your voice in everything I do. Teach me to accept help from You and from the people You send to me. I pray that pride would not get in my way but that I would be willing to ask for help, and more importantly, to follow godly wisdom as I get it. I pray this and all prayers in the name of the One who depended on You, Jesus Christ.

The Truth

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones" (Proverbs 3:5-8 NASB).

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



Be Thankful—for the Right Reasons

Not Your Usual Thanksgiving Thoughts

Thanksgiving is the response of a heart that is at peace no matter the situation. Without it we become the type of person nobody wants around. The word is usually associated with the holiday celebrated in the U.S. and Canada, and centered around food with family and friends.

Yet as I write, people in America and around the world are experiencing untold gut-wrenching losses, both in lives, family, homes, possessions, and certain freedoms. Their future may be bleak and unknown. What do they have to hang on to that will help them through these tumultuous and uncertain times? The very thought of being thankful is totally foreign if they are depending on possessions, freedom, and feelings of security; if they're depending on what money can buy.

Can happiness and freedom, that which every soul yearns for, be purchased at Walmart or the local retail store? It is the job of the marketing gurus to convince you that your happiness is guaranteed by what they have to sell. Can your less-than-minimum-wage job bring you happiness? Or what if finances begin to crumble and you cannot find a job to support your family; is there a place for a thankful heart?

Man thinks he has the answer to a better, longer life, forgetting that his days are numbered. Not only is every individual's life numbered, but this world is also numbered, and only God knows when that time is up. It all boils down to investing in the treasure that is eternal.

Thankfulness rests on our worldview. Consider being given a box that holds 100 parts to be assembled in such a way as to create what you are told is a "thing-a-ma-bob." Now, some of us would jump right in and begin before even asking if there is such a thing as a "thing-a-ma-bob." But you are assured there is such a thing and all you have to do is imagine what it looks like. Is this a joke? But if given a manual with step-by-step instruc-

tions along with a photo showing it completely assembled, you would definitely have the confidence to take on the project.

This thing-a-ma-bob is like a map some still use in lieu of a GPS. We trust it to show us the roads that will take us to our destination. At times we may have found a map that does not give the full information necessary because it has not been updated or it was designed with specific information geared for trucks or those with wide loads. How well I remember the importance of that when I wanted to save time and miles by taking a shortcut route over a mountain in Virginia and was committed to it until I noticed a sign stating "trucks over 35 feet prohibited."

I soon found out why: narrow road, hairpin curves... Now what do I do? Pray! "God, stop any vehicle from coming my way on this assumed shorter road." Almost there, but then, a pickup, a curve; stopped just in time for both to slo-o-o-wly squeeze by. Oh, by the way, my 12-year-old son who originally was sitting in the jump seat while all this was happening made a quick retreat into the bunk behind me. He told me, as we continued, all he saw was no road and all space. So thankful for God's protection in spite of my disregard for the warning.

God has given us a manual, the Bible, as our instructions for life. Jesus, in John 14:27, told His disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Our years are short—eternity is forever. The Bible is our map and manual for life. Live by it every day, with thanksgiving. ☺

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You have been chosen by God for real meaning and purpose in life.

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Do you know who you are? If you are a Christian, you have received, by invitation into your heart and life, the Lord Jesus Christ. You do not have a religion but an intimate relationship with God's Son. You have been born again.

The Apostle John said it this way: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life" (I John 5:11-13).

You know because you have the internal witness of the Holy Spirit in your heart, that Jesus took your sins away and bore them in His own body on the cross. You know you are His new creation, created in Christ Jesus; the old life has passed away and all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

After receiving Christ's righteousness, you have a new desire to know God through Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God. You experience a new love for what He loves. Like the Apostle Paul, you want to be found in Him, having not your own righteousness but His: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death" (Philippians 3:10).

You admit that in God's sight all your righteous acts are as filthy rags, and that it is impossible by your own works of righteousness to come to God. The only way is to kneel

before Him, confess your sins and receive His free gift of eternal life by trusting and having confidence in Christ, who took your place and died for you. You know through faith, His holy Word and the witness of the Holy Spirit within you, that God receives, loves and accepts you, not because of any righteousness of yours but because of His righteous Son, who died on the cross and rose again from the dead for all your sins—past, present, and future.

When you know Him, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:16-17). As one anointed by the Holy Spirit and as a citizen of heaven, you know you have been chosen by God for real meaning and purpose in life, and to be His representative and ambassador here on planet Earth until His return from glory. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Do you you are a child of God through Christ Jesus? If you don't, please pray with me: "Dear Lord, I want to know You and I want Jesus Christ to come into my heart. I admit I am a sinner and believe by faith Jesus died for my sins and rose from the grave. Please forgive me Lord and come into my life and be my Savior and my Lord.. Amen." ☺

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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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