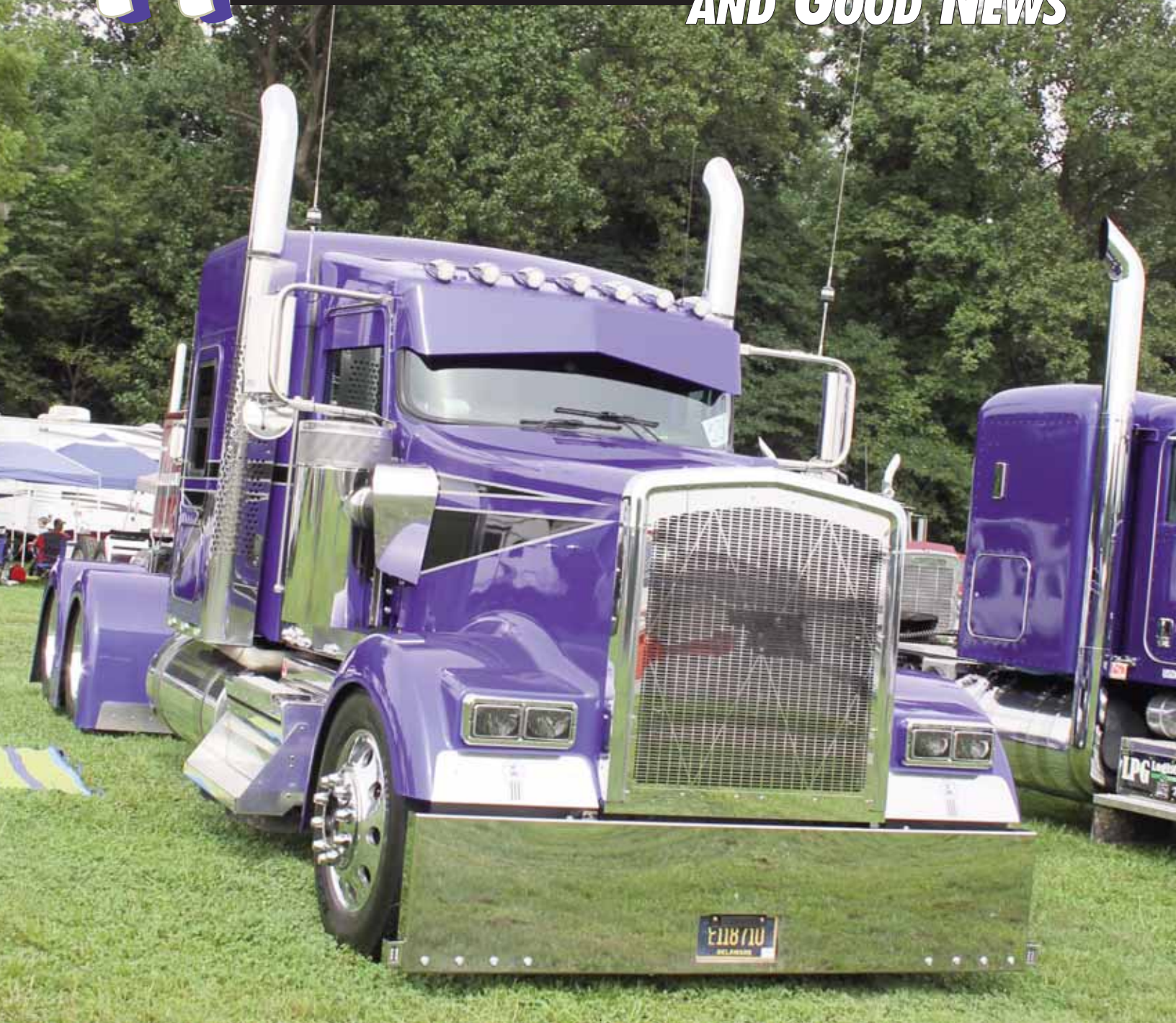


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From the Email Box

Dear TFC,

Man, I had a pretty rough night! Things in my life weren't going as well as I needed them to go, and we have been on standby for the whole week in the oil field (I haul sand).

Well, I pulled into the Flying J on I-45 in Houston but there was no parking! Then I remembered a new Flying J off I-59 and Route 242, so I went there. I went to sleep depressed! But as I woke up to take a shower, I saw for the first time the mobile chapel; even though it was closed, just seeing it let me know God was still with me and still wants me, even with all my failures. It made me feel as if God personally let me know He is for me! God bless you all for the vision of this ministry—you never know how it helps the body of Christ!

Thanks,

*T. V.
Via email*

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A Word from Our President

Have you ever experienced a “dry spell” in your walk with God, where it was difficult to read His Word or even pray? A time when you just did not understand what God was doing in your life? Maybe a time when you felt completely abandoned by God, even though you felt you were in the middle of God’s will for your life?

This is something that will happen to every single Christian who wants to be involved in the work of God, or to any Christian who has truly set his or her heart on pleasing God. “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God” (Isaiah 50:10 NKJV).

Every Christian who has set his heart on serving God will have this darkness come at some point. Has it happened to you? You wake up one day to find all spiritual feelings gone. You read your Bible and you understand the words but there is no light. You search your heart and find nothing to match what you are going through. So you pray. You get on your knees and tell God you don’t feel so good. Prayer usually “changes things,” it is said, but this time there seems to be no light from heaven! And you ask yourself, “What in the world have I done?”

What you are going through is not new. It came to every major man or woman of God in Scripture. It came to Abraham when he stood waiting for God to accept his sacrifice (Genesis 15:12). It came to the prophets, and they wept. It came to the godly kings, and they humbled themselves. And if you set your heart to seek God, this darkness will also come to you. You will not be exempt. You will not escape it. It is an essential factor in a deep and thorough Christian experience. What can you do to get out of this darkness? The answer is, you cannot escape it, but you can surely live through it.

The first thing you must do when the darkness comes is to keep going in the same direction you were going when the darkness came. Nothing has changed on the path except your perception of it. Do your duty nevertheless, and keep walking even when the lights go out.

Let him who has no light trust in the name of the Lord. “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe” (Proverbs 18:10 NASB) and “They that know thy name will put their trust in thee” (Psalm 9:10 KJV).

Remember Proverbs 3:5-6: “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 straight your paths”; and be reminded that you are not alone, that God will direct your path and mature you through this time of trial.

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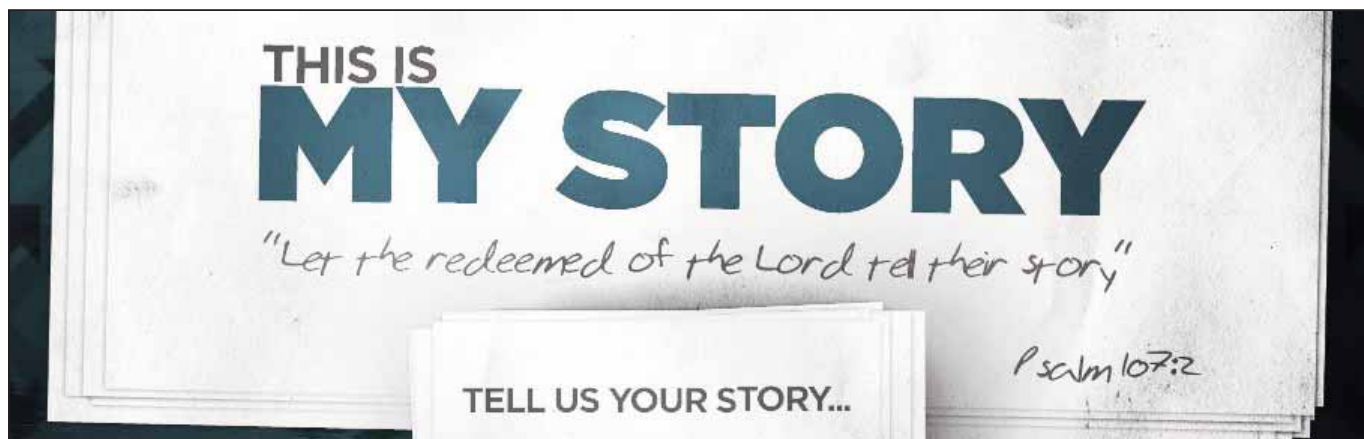


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On the cover: A modified KW spotted at the 2018 Truckers Day at the Buck at Buck Motorsports in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. See information of this and many other great truck shows happening in 2019 on page 5. Photo by Donald Hollinger.



I'm writing to you, my fellow truckers, to share my story, to share my hurt and pain in the hope that just one person is touched and doesn't make the mistakes I made. You see, I was out there driving cross country, enjoying my freedom just like many of you—nobody looking over my shoulder or telling me what to do. As long as my loads were delivered on time, I was free. There's only one thing wrong with that statement: I had a problem that was eating at my soul. I was addicted to pornography.

It started out small, as most addictions do: a movie here, a magazine there, no big deal. Before long I could just about tell you where every adult bookstore was on the routes I traveled. If I could not find a store, I had my computer. My life was out of control, and I couldn't even see it. The addiction got so bad that subject matter didn't matter anymore. I'd spend hours surfing the net and hundreds in the bookstores. I was also doing everything to hide my addiction from my wife and family, and it worked for the longest time. Yes, we had our problems, but nothing related to my addiction. Looking back, I'm sure my wife knew, but chose to suffer in silence. After years of hiding and doing all I could in my own power, I finally came to the point I could no longer outrun my addiction. I won't go into details because I don't want to give Satan any glory, and I also wish to protect the people I care most about. Suffice it to say that things didn't go well for me. I currently sit in an 8'x12' prison cell, paying the price for my actions. But, praise be to Jesus Christ, in this prison I've found true freedom, the freedom only Christ can and does provide.

My fellow drivers, my prayer is that through my testimony lives may be changed. I know it's not easy out there; the hours spent alone can be Satan's playground. My advice to all is: Stay connected! Find somebody who will hold you accountable, and be honest—honest with yourself and with God. You are never alone out there. It took me landing in prison to figure that out. It took me losing my freedom to find it in Christ.

So my brothers, no matter your addiction, no matter how bad (or good) your life may look right now, it can be better. I had to learn my lesson the hard way. My prayer is that, through my story, you'll find true freedom in the love that Jesus Christ offers before it's too late.

Name Withheld Upon Request

We want to hear your story!

Have you ever considered the fact that your story could be used by God to encourage, inspire, challenge, or even save the life of another trucker? Sharing how the Lord has reached out to you and changed your life may be the trigger He will use to move someone else to seek the help they need. Tell us your story by emailing editor@transportforchrist.org or mailing to TFC, PO Box 117, Marietta, PA 17547. As we did with the writer above, your privacy will be respected upon request.

Winter Over? It's Truck Show Time!



Start making plans to attend one or more of these great shows:

- ◆ Mid-America Trucking Show - March 28-30, Kentucky Expo Center, Louisville, KY; 502-899-3892
- ◆ ATHS Truck Show & Convention - May 31-June 2, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV; 816-891-9900
- ◆ Antique Truck Club of America Annual Show - June 14-15, Macungie Park, Macungie, PA; 610-367-9712
- ◆ 38th Annual TFC Pennsylvania Truck Rally - June 22, Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon, PA; 717-665-6347
- ◆ 28th Annual Ohio TFC Truck Show & Benefit Auction - July 5-6, Kidron & Mt. Hope, OH; 330-465-4587
- ◆ 7th Annual Keystone Diesel Nationals - July 26-28, Maple Grove Raceway, Mohnton, PA; 717-615-8331
- ◆ 30th Annual Waupun Truck-n-Show - August 9-10, 510 E. Spring Street, Waupun, WI; 920-324-9985
- ◆ 30th Annual Truckers Day at the Buck - August 17, Buck Motorsports, Quarryville, PA; 1-800-344-7855
- ◆ 6th Annual Lanita Truck Show - September 14, Mount Aetna, PA; 717-933-5100
- ◆ Annual East Coast Marmon Show - September 21, Weaver's Store, Adamstown, PA
- ◆ 15th Annual Tristate Antique Truck Show - September 26-28, Frederick Cty. Fairgrounds, Winchester, VA
- ◆ ATCA Mack Days - October 4-5, Gerhart Equipment, Lititz, PA

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.
Last month's truck (below) was a
1960 White 5000.



CHAPLAINS' LOGS

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

A driver from Chicago stopped in to thank TFC for its work. He stopped by before and a chaplain talked to him and gave him a Bible. He read it through cover to cover over the next few weeks and the Lord spoke to him. He said he shed tears of joy because of his new hope in his new friend and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave a donation and went away with a grateful heart.

- Chaplain Don -

◆ Driver Jim, from Kansas, came in for prayer. He has been fighting a fever, and his wife is just recovering from major surgery and the death of her father. He shared how coming to TFC chapels has made a difference in their lives. He has been coming to the TFC chapels for the past five years.
Chaplain Ryan

◆ Al is not a driver; he just found it peaceful to sit under the preaching of God's Word. When I asked about his assurance of heaven, he said he wasn't sure about anything. He was willing to hear the truth of the Gospel and be led in a prayer of salvation.
Chaplain John

◆ A lady driver came in asking what TFC is and what we do. I answered her questions and gave her a copy of *Highway News*, showing her the chapel locations. She started to cry and said, "This is what I needed to know, that there was a place for me to come because I can't get to church." Later her husband came in and gave a donation.
Chaplain Ron

◆ Clarence stated he could not get trials and tribulations of his life out of his head; he was always replaying those situations over and over. He said he wanted to have control over things. I shared the Gospel with him and asked him if he was ready to surrender his life to Christ, and he did!
Chaplain Tom

◆ A driver came in with some questions. He said he asked God into his life three years ago, but he gets bad thoughts sometimes. I told him that as long as we are in this world, Satan will come after us. It is Christ in us that points them out to us and gives us the strength to resist; we need to decide to follow Christ. He thanked me and we prayed before he left.
Chaplain Wayne

◆ Sean, from Texas, came in asking why God is letting bad things happen in his life. I asked him if he is saved and he said yes, but he does not go to church because he doesn't like the way some people act. I told Sean not to let that keep him from church; we need to go to church to worship and praise God. He said he will pray more and start reading his Bible. I prayed with him before he left, asking God to help him and give him the strength he needs. He was feeling much better when he left, and there was a smile on his face.
Chaplain Rich

◆ A driver came and I recognized him, having worked with him maybe ten years ago. Yesterday morning he had an accident with his truck and God kept his life. He was in nervous shock. We spoke about his accident and how God took care of him.
Chaplain Jacques

◆ Two Christian drivers came in for a while and I prayed for their job situation. They want to work for a company that will give them some time at home with family and a home church.
Chaplain Shawn

◆ I met driver Philip in his truck. He then came into the chapel and we talked for a while. Then he went to take a shower and came back about an hour later. We spent several hours together and I was able to encourage him and I challenged him to read the Bible more. We talked and prayed till 1:00 AM. Before he left, he confessed several times how much of a miracle it was that I ventured over to his truck to meet him.
Chaplain Chris

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

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Weary of Winter?

In many parts of the country, March is pretty dreary. It's still dark when we get up, and the landscape we drive through is brown and barren. I remember vividly a drive south from western New York one cloudy, gray March day. The horizon was painted with the black silhouettes of seemingly lifeless tree trunks and skinny, bare branches. Was it really possible that these dead-looking limbs would bloom anew into life when spring arrived?

As I continued my route south, I began to notice that some of the slender branches were gaining a bumpy texture. Soon I noticed branches that were covered in tiny brown buds; then further south still, a touch of green was breaking through the ends of the buds.

After a rest stop, the next section of my journey afforded views of trees with tender, young leaves. Suddenly the bare landscape was becoming alive with fresh new life as the panorama turned from brown to pale green! That caused me to think about my own life: how I once had been "dead" spiritually. My life was a winter landscape with no hope that spring would ever come.

Then someone planted a tiny seed, a simple message of hope about how God loved me; and without my even realizing it, that seed sprouted and began to grow. My eyes were opened to my need for God, as I understood

that only He could save me from my sins and give me new life.

I picked up a Bible and began hungrily searching God's Word, desiring a peace that only He could provide and forgiveness for all the wrongs I'd committed in my life. "When anyone is guilty in any of these ways, he must confess in what way he has sinned" (Leviticus 5:5). What happens when we confess our sin to God? 1 John 1:9 gives us this promise: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

When the Lord forgives us for our sins, He fills us with a newness of life so that we bloom with peace and joy, just as the trees in spring break forth with beautiful new life. "Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest" (Psalm 85:11-12).

Do you want new life in Christ? Are you searching for peace and joy but having trouble finding it? Use the prayer guide below to help you reach out to God for His love and forgiveness. Confess your sins and let the Lord come into your heart, and you, too, will have that newness of life that comes with spring; except that *this* spring will never turn back to winter again! ☺

Let God Turn Your Winter into Spring

- ☒ 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.*"

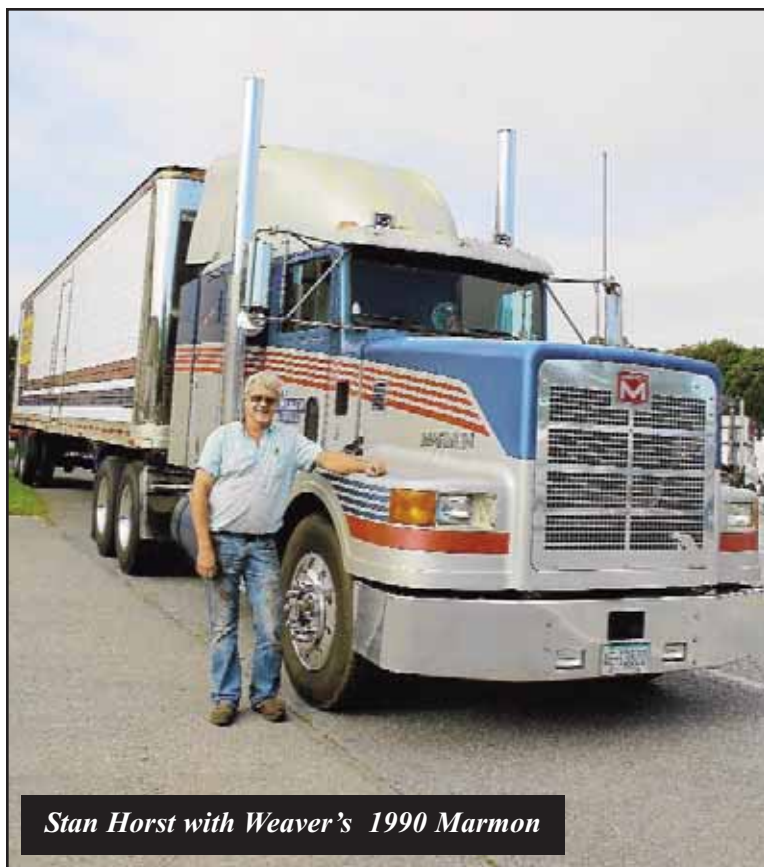
Easier said than done? Stop by a TFC chapel (listed on page 15) or call a chaplain for more guidance.

- ☒ 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.

By Donald Hollinger



The 2018 East Coast Marmon Show



Stan Horst with Weaver's 1990 Marmon

I thought I would share a few memories from the Marmon show this past September at Weaver's Store in Adamstown, Pennsylvania.

After many years, I was finally able to catch up with an old family friend, Stan Horst, who married into the Weaver's Store family. Stan has been driving the Weaver's Store 1990 Marmon since it was new, in the early '90s, and, as the photo clearly shows, it still looks like the show truck it was back then!

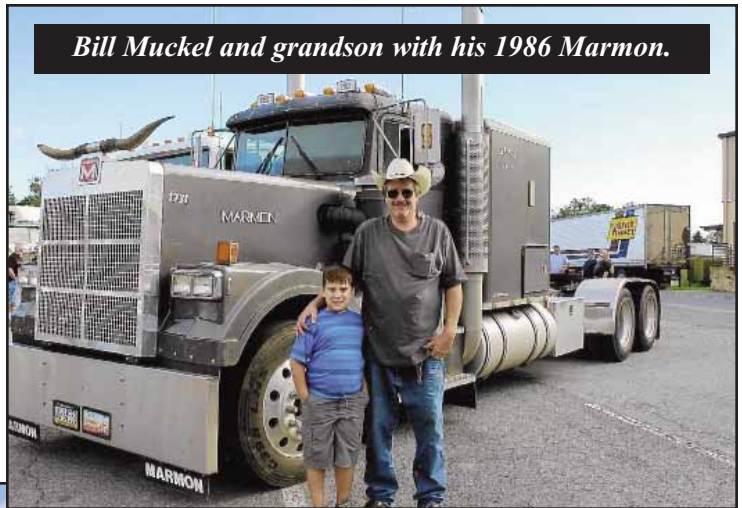
Josh and Jenn Martin were there with their very nice 1972 Marmon. This truck was bought new by Josh's grandpa Jim. I'm sure his grandpa is delighted to have this truck remain in the family if only as a show truck.

Bill Muckel, from Bernville, Pennsylvania,

brought his grandson along in his 1986 Marmon that has also been in the family a long time—it was his father's truck. He still uses this truck as he runs forty-seven states; it's powered by an N-14 Cummins engine.

I was excited to see the rare 1951 Duplex tractor that was featured in the August and September issues of this magazine, and was able to meet its owner, Mike Ploch, from Oxford, Connecticut. From him I learned even more about this fascinating truck.

Bill Muckel and grandson with his 1986 Marmon.



Mike Ploch with his 1951 Duplex



Mike found the truck at an army base while trucking through Alamos, New Mexico. It took him seven years to do the restoration! He got the cab from a fire engine and the frame from a Freightliner, and put in a 3406 Cat engine. He also changed the hood from a tilt to a butterfly. Another fascinating thing about the Duplex is that, like many cars and trucks from the '20s and '30s, the windshield opens out from the bottom for ventilation. These trucks were built in Michigan from 1916 to 1955; most were special-built for private and government agencies. Mike hauls mostly cattle; he has farms in Oklahoma and Connecticut and owns a fleet of about thirty-four trucks.

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Swanger Oil Racer with an 8V 92 Detroit engine, owned by Allison Transmissions

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This year's show will be held September 21st at the Weaver's Market parking lot, 2590 North Reading Road, Denver, Pennsylvania. Other make trucks are also welcome.

Admission is free, and plenty of food will be available at the Market's restaurant. For more information contact Leroy Keens at 717-278-0503. ☺



Nothing Is Worth Giving Up Your Faith in God

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me." John 14:1 CEV



But God...

By Chaplain Sam McIntosh

Sometimes in our walk with the Lord we may come to a point where we feel we know exactly how things will go—but God, we find out, has a different idea.

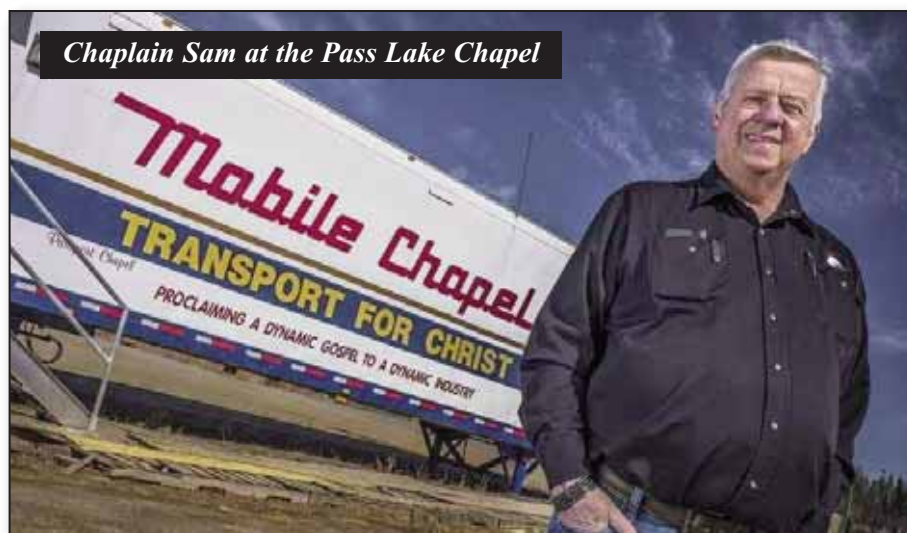
When we moved from Edmonton to Thunder Bay in July of 2014, I remember it was a very clear call from God to go and lead the ministry in Pass Lake. Many people asked how long we'd be there and my answer always was "We're here until God calls us elsewhere"—thinking that "until" was a very long time away. But God... But I'm jumping ahead of myself—I'd better backtrack a bit.

Sometime in 2017

It all really started with God answering our prayers when He brought two very capable men to join our ministry team as volunteers: Ken McGratten and Shawn Merrifield. We had no idea God was preparing the way for Canadian Ministries Director Dennis Finnamore's request a few weeks later: would we consider moving to Calgary to restart the ministry there? Our answer was a definite "no"—we were happy in Pass Lake and things were moving in the right direction as far as the ministry was concerned.

February 2018

Dennis phoned again in early February of last year and we talked, among other things, about the desperate need for a chaplain in Calgary—and he asked again. The seed that had been planted weeks before started to grow, but I still said no.



Soon after I got off the phone with Dennis, Pastor Heinz Janzen, who took over the ministry in Edmonton after we left, called; we talked about the ministry there, and also about the need in Calgary. When I mentioned Dennis' request, Pastor Heinz made some very valid points that sounded like coming straight from God. After we hung up, I called a pastor friend of mine, Jim Paulson, to talk it over with him, and he confirmed my fears—he believed God was calling us to Calgary.

Then I talked to another friend, Charlie Wilson, who asked me if anybody had quoted Scripture to me that gave me peace about the move. (No one had.) After we'd finished talking, Shawn Merrifield came in, saying he'd been thinking and felt that he and Ken could handle Pass Lake if I wanted to move to Calgary (we had been praying for the Calgary chapel at our prayer breakfast for some time). He added that maybe God had brought Janet and me to start the ministry in Pass Lake and get it running so he and Ken could run it and we could move on to another. Now Shawn had no idea what

was going through my mind at the time nor did he know the peace he'd just given me. Still it kept ringing through my mind that no Scripture had been mentioned to me that would encourage me.

I called Ken and we met the next morning to talk. We had a great conversation about what may happen, then he quoted two Scripture verses to me: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11*); and "So do not fear, for I am





Saying goodbye to Chaplain Sam & Janet at Pass Lake Chapel prayer meeting

with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10). These two passages gave me the encouragement and peace I needed.

Janet and I prayed about it and then decided to move forward with the first decision: to sell our condo. We called a realtor we knew, Joanne Smith, and asked her to come over and give us an appraisal. She said the condo showed well except that the bathroom floor needed new tiles. A few days later I ran into Dennis Sargent, a man I’d met at a Christian Businessmen’s Luncheon. Dennis does renovations, and he and his brother-in-law came and replaced the tiles and did a superb job. We also had to downsize quite a bit, as we had collected quite a bit of “stuff” because we thought we would be in Pass Lake for the long haul.

February is always a busy month in the Ministry, with TFC participating in Mission Fests in Winnipeg and Edmonton. As Janet and I were going to help run the TFC booth at both events, we decided it was a good time to go to Calgary and check out living accommodations there. Meanwhile, we listed the condo with the realtor before heading to Edmonton.

About a week before our trip, we attended a prayer meeting at Lakehead Baptist Church and a brother there, Garth, quoted two more scriptures for us: “Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship, Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve

what God’s will is—His good pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:1-2).

We knew the move would be hard on us financially, as well as physically (we’re no longer so young), but we also knew the Lord would provide for our needs; besides, not obeying was *not* an option!

May 2018

By mid-May the condo hadn’t sold yet, but we had showings and believed it was just a matter of time—God’s time! Meanwhile we were working toward the goal of moving to Calgary, including setting up a meeting of Dennis with our volunteers and finding a replacement for Janet, who keeps the books at the truck stop. Carol, one of the owners, was very concerned about this as it was hard to get people to come out to Pass Lake to work. Once more, God answered: Dennis was very happy with the two men who will keep the ministry going in Pass Lake. Now it was a matter of finding a replacement for Janet and waiting for the condo to sell.

October 2018

We were in Pennsylvania to attend the TFC staff conference and were on our

way home when we got the news that the truck stop had been sold, relieving the need to hire a replacement for Janet; and received a text from the realtor telling us she had a showing and a reasonable offer. I won’t go through all the details; suffice to say we took a bit of a loss on the sale. We accepted the offer with one month to move out and we still had no place to go. On October 27th Janet and I flew to Calgary and met with Craig Rushton to see some condos he had lined up for us. With the beating we took in Thunder Bay’s sale, we couldn’t really afford to purchase a condo there, so after much prayer we decided to look at rentals. We found a beautiful place in the west end with a wonderful view of the mountains. After working out some financials, we signed a lease.

January 2019

The mover picked up our belongings on November 29 and we left for Calgary, arriving on December 1st. We are still busy getting settled and cleaning up the chapel and getting it set up to reopen. The ministry here in Calgary is in desperate need financially, so we will be very busy as well arranging speaking engagements, holding a banquet, and praying for God’s provision for the needs of the ministry.

To sum it up, we are starting to feel at home here. I really thought it would take a very long time for us to feel this way—**but God**, once again, surprised us! ☺

** All Scriptures are from the NIV*



Forgiveness Is a Gift You Give to Yourself

By Dr. Karl Benzio

Forgiveness is one of the most powerful and most taught concepts in the Bible; it's also the least understood and most underused. Once you realize the power that forgiveness unleashes, you will want to forgive, say, seventy times seven, even though it seems impossible at times to forgive just one time. I'm serious!

Jesus gives us all a startling warning about not forgiving others: if we refuse to forgive others, God will also refuse to forgive us. Now, we know God does forgive us even though there is no way we can perfectly and totally forgive all those who have transgressed against us. But think about it—how long are you willing to go without the forgiveness of God? Great sinners are transformed into exceptional Christians now and eternally because of the power of forgiveness...the gift of forgiveness.

I never cease to be amazed at how diabolically deceitful Satan is. You see, our pride is wounded when we are hurt. We feel pain from recent wounds as well as past ones. We blame others for our pain. We need our perpetrator to experience hurt and pain to even up the score. We think that we will be "healed" when our attacker experiences pain. Unknowingly, we give that other person ongoing control and power over us.

Forgiveness is a gift you give to others; but it is more than just that. When you forgive, you give a powerful and liberating gift to yourself. Free yourself from abuse and bondage. Allow God to soothe and heal your pain and teach you to grow the mind of Christ. We are also now realizing the powerful physical, emotional, and psychological benefits of forgiveness even in the dire areas of addictions and cancer!

Jesus modeled forgiveness perfectly for us. Think of all those whom Jesus forgave: the woman caught in adultery, Peter who denied he knew Jesus, the criminal on the cross—even those who crucified Him. Offering forgiveness brings joy and peace; withholding forgiveness brings bitterness, victimization, and the need to see the offender suffer.

Today, don't let your pride get in the way of forgiving others. If you are withholding forgiveness, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to experience joy and spread it to others. Forgiving others is very pleasing to God. Whether you submit to God and forgive others or you fester in bitterness and revenge is entirely your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father, thanks be to You, Lord, for Your incredible gift of forgiveness. Without it I would be buried under a ton of sin and shame. I am so quick to ask for Your forgiveness, Lord, but so slow to forgive others. Help me remember that forgiving others lifts a heavy burden off me and places me back under the grace of Your forgiveness. I thank You, Lord, for the many examples of forgiveness demonstrated by Your Son, Jesus. I seek to forgive as Jesus forgave. I seek the mind of Christ. Lord, help me spread Your message about forgiveness. I pray this through Jesus Christ who paid the ultimate price so that my sins may be forgiven. Amen.



The Truth

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins (Matthew 6:14-15).

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins (Mark 11:25).

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4:32). ☹

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



It's Not All About You!

For the last number of years, Pearl and I have chosen a different devotional each year to prepare us for our day. Beginning our day together in this way has challenged, corrected, and built us up in our faith, seeking to be what He has called us to be that day. For 2019 we have chosen to use Oswald Chambers' *My Utmost for His Highest*.

The copy we are using was given to me by a friend years back, and it's formatted with extra space so you can journal. I am writing this on January 25, and on today's devotional Oswald Chambers encourages us to "leave room for God." Referring to words of the Apostle Paul in Galatians 1:15, he highlights the words "But when it pleased God..." I quote his words: "As workers for God we have to learn to make room for God—to give God 'elbow room.' We calculate and estimate, and say that this and that will happen, and we forget to make room for God to come in as He chooses. Would we be surprised if God came into our meeting or into our preaching in a way we had never looked for Him to come? Do not look for God to come in any particular way, but *look for Him*."

Take a look at Galatians 1:15-16 from two different translations: "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen..." (KJV); and "But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles..." (NASB).

I share with you what I wrote in response that day: *We believe God is a God of order. But does that mean if a form is good and excellent and successful, that we repeat and maintain that same process and expect the same outcome? To what point do we maintain the same procedures even when things are not working as they did before? So often we say we're going to make it work even if it kills us. At that point, have we lost or ignored God's direction? It is that constant presence (relationship) we*

have with God that allows us to hear, see, and discern when things are not what we had planned. Oh God, help me!

How often do we consider God in our plans? Is it only after everything we have done and tried is not working? Is it only at that point that we ask God for His input?

Today's materialistic culture has left so little room for God. We can purchase untold number of books and attend countless number of seminars whose speakers tell us ways to be successful in life. Being successful in anything we do in life is best accomplished when we "plan our work and work our plan" as is stressed by so many of today's leaders and successful people.

But is God pleased in our decision-making process? How much is He in our thoughts and plans and conversations each day? Today's "all about me" culture leaves little room for us to hear God speak. Results are so different when it's "all about me." It is quite obvious that when everything is all about us, there is a limited possibility that God is included. But when it pleases God, He will break through all of that. There are countless examples in both biblical history and in modern time. As stated in Galatians 1:15-16, Paul recognized that it was God's pleasure that brought him (Paul) into this world for the preaching to the Gentiles. You could also say it pleased God to bring a storm and shipwreck to change the direction Paul had planned to go. I don't know about you, but I have seen that in my life. Did I recognize it as such or did I fret and become discouraged? I need to always remind myself that it's not all about me. It's all about God! ☺

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The Best of GREEN ONION



Warning Ticket

Green Onion and his friend and teammate, Hog Caller, were rolling down 95, going 95, when a Smokey Bear pulled them over for speeding. Green Onion was making all kinds of excuses—the urgency of the run, his dispatcher’s insistence to get this perishable load to its destination lest it spoil, and so on. The officer told Green Onion he would let him go with a warning ticket. Being overly tired and in a jovial mood, Hog Caller said to Smokey Bear, “Why don’t you give Green Onion season tickets? His hobby is collecting warning tickets from every state of the Union.” There was very little talking in the cab the rest of the run!

I wonder how many of us are collecting “warning tickets” from the Holy Spirit! He came to convict us of the sin of not believing in Jesus Christ, the only true God and Messiah. He did not come to condemn us, but to help us believe and to give us true joy and the peace of knowing our sins are forgiven when we trust Him.

And we all need forgiveness. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” the Bible says in Romans 3:23 and then goes on to say, in 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death” (eternal separation from God). The warning ticket is, “It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:27-28 NKJV). It is God’s will to use us as His servants to warn the world that God is not willing to see any perish, but all come to repentance. We tell and preach by our life and lips that “God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:17 NKJV). The Apostle Paul said to the Colossians, “God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery... which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (Colossians 1:27-28 NKJV).

Jesus gave us another warning: “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive” (Matthew 24:23 NKJV). Satan’s counterfeits say Jesus was just a man, an angel, a prophet, an example, a myth, or just a good moral teacher to follow.

But He is our Savior who “humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV). We are warned that “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12 NKJV).

But we also have this wonderful promise: “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9-10 NKJV). We believe that salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ alone, not in a religionist organized system, personal convictions, ideas, theology, astrology or philosophy, but in Jesus. “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (I Timothy 1:17 NKJV). ☺

Green Onion

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MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

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

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

- ◆ Driver Tim, who visits often, stopped in today. He asked if I would call his wife and pray for her, as she hasn't been feeling well. I prayed with him, and then called his wife and talked and prayed for her.
- ◆ Driver Kyle came in for prayer. He is going through a divorce after ten years of marriage and is having a tough time right now. We talked and I gave him a Bible and shared some Scriptures with him. I also gave him my card so he can keep in touch with me. We prayed and he thanked us for being here.
- ◆ Driver James came in for prayer and to pick up a copy of *Our Daily Bread* devotional and some CDs. We fellowshiped for over two hours. I prayed for him before he left.
- ◆ Chris has only been driving on his own for four weeks. He stopped by to see what the chapel is all about and was grateful to know he has chapels to stop at while on the road.
- ◆ A couple came into the chapel, and as we talked, I figured out that the husband was saved but the wife was not. She knew a lot about religion, but didn't have a relationship with Jesus and was very confused. After we talked for a couple of hours, she wanted to accept Jesus. I led her in the sinner's prayer, then did some discipling, encouraging, and exhorting. It was interesting to observe the changes in her manner and countenance.
- ◆ Driver Bruce came in to tell me how much he appreciates the TFC ministry. It was a part of what led to his salvation.
- ◆ Erick came in to talk with us about getting a job off the road to be home with the family in the evenings and weekends. He also said he wanted to get to know the Lord better. After we talked, he asked the Lord into his life and left with a different outlook on his life.
- ◆ Driver Kevin stopped in. He is a believer but struggling with issues of trying to stay close to God with the business of trucking. We talked for a while, I gave him some materials, and he seemed to feel better when he left.
- ◆ Driver Adrien came in for prayer and fellowship, and stayed for over an hour. He just lost his mom a few weeks ago. I shared some Scriptures to turn to when he gets sad so he can better understand what Jesus did for us on the cross. We prayed and he thanked us for being here to help.
- ◆ I had a family of five, from Cleveland, come into the chapel. They stopped in to check us out and see what we do. They were impressed with this ministry to drivers and said it was great to see what we do.
- ◆ Drivers Robert and Zack stopped by and we had an interesting discussion. Zack was being trained by Robert and hung out with me while Robert took care of some paperwork. I was answering his questions when he got a startled look on his face. He asked me to repeat what I had just said, which I did, and he burst out crying. We went through the sinner's prayer and he gave his heart to the Lord.
- ◆ A trucker came in just needing to talk and share with someone. He was going through a divorce and he shared the brokenness that showed up in his marriage. We had a time of prayer and he left.
- ◆ Scott came in, and after talking with him, I realized he was caught in two different belief systems. The Lord led me to ask where he would go if he died. He could not say he would go to heaven. I presented the Gospel and he surrendered his life to Christ!

From the Logs of the Lighthouse Chapel in Racine, Wisconsin

- ◆ A driver came in for the morning service and responded to the need for salvation after the message. We had a great time of prayer and fellowship for a new believer.
- ◆ A driver from Alabama came in sharing about the loss of his wife recently. He missed her greatly but was so thankful she was now with Christ in heaven and that he would see her again.
- ◆ A driver came in to check out the chapel. I have him a copy of the *Highway News* and encouraged him to stop in again.
- ◆ Driver John came in to seek counsel. He said he is a believer. His fiancée broke off with him about a month ago and he is grieving and in pain. I shared Scriptures with him and prayed with him before he left.

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From the Logs of the Solid Rock Chapel in Denver, Colorado

- ◆ Elizabeth came in with a heavy heart, and I saw she was in tears. She felt that God was not hearing her prayers. I asked her how she was spending her time, was it in reading the Bible or some good devotional study? She said she has not been reading as she knows she should. I gave her some Bible study material to help her and prayed with Elizabeth before she left. She left feeling much better.
- ◆ Three drivers came for the 11:00 AM service—very dedicated and knowledgeable of the Bible. One commented that he enjoyed the time.
- ◆ Marcelino, from Puerto Rico, came in for prayer. His wife left him and his three boys recently. Naturally he is struggling, but is open to learn more of the Word of God. He gladly accepted a New Testament and said that stopping by made him feel calmer.
- ◆ Driver Bob was walking by the chapel while I was standing by the open door. He came up to me, shook my hand, and expressed thanks for the chapel and the chaplains being here for the drivers and anyone else who may need to hear God's Word.
- ◆ Darren, from Georgia, and his trainee Jean, from Delaware, stopped by the chapel. Darren wanted to show Jean the chapel where she can get spiritually fed. I talked with them for about an hour and gave them each a *Highway News* so they know where we have chapels.
- ◆ Mike came in while his truck was being washed. He seemed frustrated and discouraged and said he wondered about the beliefs of heaven and hell. He has a Christian family and church background. He seemed less frustrated as we talked of forgiveness by faith. He did not have a Bible, so accepted one gladly.
- ◆ Had a driver come by to say hello and to thank TFC for being here. He is Hispanic and spoke very little English, but we managed to communicate.

From the Logs of the Powerhouse Chapel in Hudson, Wisconsin

- ◆ Trucker Ken came in with a lot of heartbreak. He was trying to get back with his wife a year ago, but confessed that he had an affair during their separation. His wife passed away six months ago, and he has carried the guilt and burden ever since. He spent an hour here, crying and praying and asking what to do next. We prayed for restoration, and that he would learn from his sins and be determined to live life for Jesus.
- ◆ Trucker Chris, from California, came in. He is a trainer and his trainee did not want to come in. Chris came in to pray for his trainee. He asked me some questions, we read some Scriptures and then we prayed. I continued praying for him after he left, as I could tell he was hungry to know more about Jesus.
- ◆ David and Kathy, a husband and wife team, were here for the service. They said they like the ministry of TFC a lot because we teach from the Bible and keep it straight.
- ◆ Gerald, who lives just two miles away and comes to the chapel often, accepted the Lord today.

From the Logs of the Living Waters Chapel in Brunswick, Georgia

- ◆ A newlywed couple that I met in the lot came in with their Bibles for the service. Both were drivers and very committed to the Lord. We had a good service, and there were tears as the new wife shared her testimony.
- ◆ A homeless man, who had prayed for salvation a while back, came in with a big smile on his face. He wanted some information on the Salvation Army. I was glad to help him. Since he accepted the Lord, he comes in every Sunday for the service.
- ◆ Francois, a driver from Haiti, came in to chat. He had been raised in a church and had religion, but he didn't have a personal faith in Jesus Christ. Today he accepted Christ.
- ◆ One driver showed up and we had some time together. He knows the Lord but had some questions that needed resolving. He was very thankful for our time together.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

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

From the Logs of the Open Door Chapel in Frystown, Pennsylvania

- ◆ As I arrived at the chapel, a number of drivers from El Paso, Texas, were just getting out of their trucks. I engaged them in conversation and I invited them into the chapel to sign guest log. Before they left I was able to pray with them and give out *Highway News*.
- ◆ Sara and her boyfriend visited the chapel today, interested in seeing what it's like. I invited them to sit down, which they readily did, and explained that their visit was a divine appointment. After sharing the Gospel with them, I asked if they would like Christ to come into their lives. Both prayed with me the sinners' prayer, professing faith in Jesus Christ.
- ◆ I talked to driver Steve, who needed to talk; I spent two hours with him, and he rededicated his life to the Lord today.
- ◆ Helen came in just to see what we are about. She said she was raised Mormon but turned to Christ later in life.
- ◆ Noel came in saying she needed to learn and grow. I gave her copies of the TFC Bible studies.
- ◆ A driver came in telling me about his sister who lost her life in a tragic car accident, leaving behind four young children. The driver was a Christian and thanked me for praying with him, and gave me a real big hug as he left the chapel.
- ◆ I met a lady in the laundry room and had the opportunity to share Jesus with her; her spirit came alive! I was able to lead her to the Lord.
- ◆ I met Harry and Mary and spent some time talking with them and praying with them. Both are Christians, but she said she is stronger than he is. I asked them if they wanted this to change. They said yes, so I prayed for them to be stronger in the Lord.
- ◆ Early in the evening a man and his wife stopped in and I had a good conversation with them. They spoke Spanish, but I was able to find out that they loved Jesus. I gave them a copy of Highway News, and before they left the chapel they prayed for me.
- ◆ Margret came into the chapel with several other friends. I was able to share the Gospel with her, then asked her if she would like to pray with me and receive Christ into her life. She said she did, and we prayed the sinner's prayer.
- ◆ Derek told me he was not sure if he was saved, and wanted to understand what the Bible says about it. Today he prayed to accept Christ.
- ◆ Two women came into the chapel today. One was saved several months ago, and was very concerned that the rest of her large family come to know Christ. After spending quality time with them, I asked the younger woman, the niece of the older woman, if she would like to have Christ as her Lord and Savior. She answered yes, and prayed the sinner's prayer with me.

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

- ◆ I went to the home of one of the waitresses from the truck stop restaurant. Her mother has been suffering with cancer for seven years, and hospice has been called in. I was able to spend about an hour of one-on-one time with her mom, who she admitted that she was scared to die because she lived a life of sin. I spoke to her about how she could have that sin erased, and she prayed with me, confessing her sins and accepting Jesus as her Savior.
- ◆ When I came to the chapel I noticed a gentleman was locking his bike near the chapel steps, then walked up the chapel steps. We talked for a while, and he told me he had just gotten out of prison and specifically rode his bike to the chapel to talk to someone. We talked for a while and then I prayed for him.
- ◆ Driver Victor, from New Jersey, came in looking for prayer for his travels home. He was having a lot of frustration with other drivers on the road, a lot of crazy "four wheelers" out there on vacation. We talked for a few minutes and I got him to calm down; I prayed with him before he went on his way.
- ◆ George parked over at the TA and walked over to the Flying J to come to the chapel. He was raised in church and attends a church but had never made Christ's offer of salvation personal. He did today!



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March 9, 6:30 PM ❖ Wayne-Holmes TFC Banquet: Amish Door Restaurant, Wilmot, OH; Music by *Just Passin' Thru*; meals are sponsored so there's no charge, but reservations required by March 1st; for information call Gary Nussbaum at 330-465-4587.

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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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