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A Word from Our President

A Special Prayer Request

The founder of TFC Global, Jim Keys, made this statement: “This I strongly believe: Men need Christ today to help them find reality and purpose of life.” It was true back when he made the statement and it is true today.

My heart’s desire is to reach both men and women with the Gospel of Christ, and that is what drew me to TFC Global. The aim of this organization, as you know, is to lead commercial drivers and their families, as well as the trucking community, to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith. Is that not the Great Commission?

As Executive Director and President of this ministry, it is my responsibility to guide the organization and to help provide a vision for where it will be in the immediate future and long term. This is done through the creation and implementation of a strategic plan. Every nonprofit will have different needs for a strategic plan depending upon the organization’s leadership, culture, and size. Sometimes strategic planning is less about making big sweeping decisions to go into a different direction and more about clarifying the organization’s top priorities. That is what we as a team here at TFC Global have done over the last six months, resulting in the introduction of the new initiatives you will find described in this edition of *Highway News*.

In business there is a saying: “You can’t see the possibilities if you are not looking for them” - leading us to understand that if nothing changes, then nothing changes.

Change is driven by factors within an organization itself, such as the wish to reposition the organization within the market, to implement a new business model, or to expand into a new market. We at TFC Global believe we need to have an entrepreneurial spirit that should fuel us to explore opportunities others wouldn’t, without going outside of what it is we do well—that being a chaplaincy ministry where we provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of the trucking industry and trucking-related industries through the sharing of the Gospel and caring for the physical needs of those we serve, according to James 2:14-19.

However, such thinking comes with some cautionary warnings.

There is an old Youth for Christ motto that says, “Geared to the times, anchored to the Rock.” If TFC is to have a strong future, it must hold to its mission but change its model, realizing that whatever we do, it has to be a movement of God, not a movement of man. We are simply stewards of what God has given us. If we are going to leave a footprint/legacy that will stand ten, twenty, or fifty years from now, together we need to seek God’s wisdom and allow the Holy Spirit to move us forward, unified in heart and mind to grow the Kingdom, remembering always that the enemy is out to destroy us...to destroy this ministry. The question becomes: will we let him?

With 3.7 million commercial drivers in North America alone, the opportunity for ministry is great. Add to that the increased issues of addiction and human trafficking, and you realize that not only is the opportunity for ministry great, but the need for ministry is great!

Please pray that, as we move forward with what we believe God has shown us we need to be doing as a ministry, we pay attention to God’s continued leading and have the faith to follow Him even when He doesn’t tell us where we are going, only that we need to step out and go just as He did to Abraham at the age of seventy-five. Pray also that we would be a people of faith and not fear.

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Cover: Hans Ringoir with the last truck he drove, a Volvo FH13, 400HP, 12-speed Automatic I-shift, with the lit cross he ordered from TFC in 2005. Above: the same truck as seen in daylight. See story on pages 8-10.



Legacy of Faith Update

TFC Global is moving into a new season of ministry, and we believe that God would have us do it with the least amount of debt as possible. To do that we are making a concentrated effort to pay off our mortgage.

To help us in this area we have received a matching grant from a faith partner in the amount of \$10,000 toward our Legacy of Faith campaign. Donations given to this special project, up to \$10,000, will be matched dollar for dollar. Please ask God how you can give toward Legacy of Faith to help us reach this financial goal, investing in the future of our ministry to the trucking community.

It has been said, "Today we can see farther because we stand on the shoulder of giants of the faith." These giants are not only the people who have laid the groundwork for this ministry over the years; these giants are people like you, who pray for the ministry, give of their time to this ministry, and give generously to this ministry. We owe you our deepest gratitude for your faithfulness to TFC Global and to the work God is doing in and through this ministry.

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to editor@TFCGlobal.org.
Last month's truck (below) was a 1953 Mercury. Many readers guessed it as a Ford, but since Mercury was a division of Ford, their guess was a good one!



NEWS FROM ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS

Meet the Watchman of the City Gates, Jay LeRette. He and his wife, Karen, minister at our Rochelle location. Things haven't changed much for Jay since he started ministry with TFC—and that's a good thing. Chaplain Jay cherishes the faithful support he has from the community and volunteers. The city has welcomed this ministry and allowed him access to city-wide events, street preaching, and a parade ministry.

One story that sticks out to him from last year is the story of a husband and wife who came barging into the chapel with a huge amount of spiritual darkness in their lives. While a Christian friend prayed, Jay was able to pray against the darkness and help usher them into a life of light with Jesus. He still keeps in contact with this couple, who are both so grateful for his availability that night.



Like that couple, untold others through the years have expressed their gratitude for the ministry of Chaplain Jay and his team. The logs below are just a glimpse of how the Lord uses their witness at the chapel:

- ◆ Nikki came in for the Monday night service. After the service I asked her if she knew where she would spend eternity when she died. Her response was, "Good question. I think I would go to heaven because I have done a lot of good; I am a good person." After sharing Scriptures and the Gospel with her, she repented and asked Jesus to forgive her and accepted Him into her life.
- ◆ Mike came in for the service. He asked the difference between biblical Christianity and other religions claiming to be Christian. He heard the truth and was broken and grieved for his sin against the Lord. I shared the good news with him, and he anxiously received Jesus and salvation.
- ◆ I went to the post office and met a guy on the outside. He told me he moved to get away from old friends and habits and get a fresh start. I told him he could move to the other side of the world and if he didn't have Jesus, the old lifestyle would come back. He said he didn't want that. After sharing the Gospel with him, he repented and asked for forgiveness in his life.
- ◆ A brand-new driver stopped at the truck stop for fuel and came into the chapel. I had a chance to encourage him. He was glad that the chapel was here.
- ◆ A driver came in and shared that his truck has been broken down since Christmas, and his wife just recently had a stroke. We got down on our hands and knees and prayed. He repented for not trusting Jesus and rededicated his life to the Lord. I gave him some verses to study and a CD to listen to.
- ◆ Joe called today. He is a lonely Christian man and was discouraged. I believe the fellowship of the Word encouraged him.
- ◆ Four drivers were in for the service, and at the end I asked who knew they were going to heaven. All but one driver raised their hands. I shared the Gospel with Ethan, and during our conversation he had a lot of questions. Praise God the Bible had the answers for Ethan, and he surrendered his life to Jesus!
- ◆ Juan came in for the service and I personally shared the Gospel with him. He repented and asked Jesus to save him tonight.
- ◆ I had two drivers in for the evening service—great guys who really love the Lord. We had a good time in the Word and it really encouraged them both.

Jay asks prayer for our ministry as a whole—that each of us stays strong to our commitment to Christ, both personally and corporately. May we continue to be like the church in Acts, excited to be about God's work.



IS NOW



Transport For Christ has always been about reaching commercial drivers with the Good News of Jesus Christ. That has not changed! We are expanding our ministry to include several programs that will reach a greater community and provide a higher standard of care to drivers and those in the trucking industry. Keep reading for a short description of these new programs.

Mobile Chapels/Ministry Centers are changing to **Commercial Drivers FaithLife Centers** and will provide training, resources, and chaplain services to truck stop visitors and employees. These centers will be places to relax and connect with other drivers, participate in Bible studies, worship Jesus, and seek help from trained chaplains.

Our new branding will take effect on July 1. This means changes to the following:

1. Website: our domain will change from www.transportforchrist.org to www.TFCGlobal.org.
2. Emails: our emails will follow this pattern - editor@TFCGlobal.org.
3. Ministry Materials: our brochures will be updated to include our new colors and logo.

We are excited and a little overwhelmed by how God is leading and guiding these plans. Please pray with us as we seek His face for wisdom and clarity.

Staff Designation Changes

Due to legal implications and liability, our field staff titles are changing as follows:

- ◆ TFC Global employees will continue to be called **Staff Chaplains**.
- ◆ Those people who take on the responsibility of managing a FaithLife Center that has no Staff Chaplain and have completed the required Chaplain Training School (CTS) will be called **Chaplain Associates**.
- ◆ Those who are supporting the ministry center on a volunteer basis (formerly called chaplains) will now be called **Associates**.

This change will be taking place effective July 1, with the start of our next fiscal year. As we increase the level of training for our chaplains, new Staff Chaplains and Chaplain Associates will be required to take courses in crisis management and counseling. These courses will also be offered to existing Staff Chaplains and Chaplain Associates.

New Initiatives at TFC GLOBAL



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION: This has been created as a way for the trucking industry and their families to know Christ and grow in their Christian life. Regional meetings with prayer and fellowship time will provide a connection between believing drivers as well as an avenue for them to bring other drivers to Christ. This will be a membership organization with perks!



TRUCKERSLIFE FOUNDATION: We often see how accidents, both at home and on the road, have crippled the families of our drivers. This will be a 501(c)3 charity that will help drivers financially and spiritually. A driver needing to get home for a family emergency or out of work due to injury are just two examples of people who would benefit from this supportive program. There will be clear guidelines for the application and approval process.

NATIONAL COALITION OF TRUCKING MINISTRIES: Partnerships are helpful for companies and ministries that are interested in helping each other. This organization will be for professional development to impact God's Kingdom through teaching, supporting, encouraging and networking.

TFC GLOBAL CORPORATE CHAPLAINS NETWORK: We are creating this to take care and compassion to the workplace of companies requesting this type of service. Combining trucking industry experience and training specific to employees' possible needs is a powerful purpose for this network.

Could You Use a Chaplain at Your Company?

Is your company looking for chaplains who can relate to the needs of your commercial drivers and their families, as well as your employees? Then give us a call. We are the only chaplaincy-based program in the country specifically designed for the trucking industry by an organization that has over sixty-four years of ministry experience in that industry. Who better to know the unique needs and struggles of our commercial drivers, their families, and those who work in the trucking-related industry than an organization that was founded for the purpose of serving this specific industry?

The TFC Global Corporate Chaplains Network has chaplains at FaithLife Centers located all across the United States, Canada, and overseas. Each chaplain is highly trained and goes through an extensive interview process which includes background checks, personality assessments, and multiple interviews.

There are over 3.7 million commercial drivers on the road in this country alone. TFC Global is very aware of the needs of this industry and the struggle drivers face with both physical and chemical addictions, marriage-related issues, as well as depression and loneliness. We provide trained chaplains and resources to help drivers deal with spiritual, emotional, relational, and mental health issues. TFC Global has developed a comprehensive, biblically-based ministry network that provides evangelistic outreach, discipleship, and pastoral care for the trucking community across North America and the world.

For more information on obtaining a TFC Global Corporate Chaplain for your company, call us at 717-426-9977 or email us at info@TFCGlobal.org.

A Belgian Trucker's Journey of Miracles

As told by Hans Ringoir

How a Belgian news reporter ever heard about TFC, and why he would feel motivated to do a story about this ministry for a local newspaper, we will never know—but that's what he did, back in 2005, even down to describing the chapels, "with brightly lit crosses on the truck's grille." The story caught the eye of a Belgian Christian trucker, Hans Ringoir—who decided he wanted (needed!) a cross like that on his truck. An Internet search resulted in his contacting Doris High (who at the time handled TFC's ministry materials). Extensive communications about the logistics of getting the cross to Hans and the funds to TFC resulted in an online friendship between the Highs and the Ringoirs. And that's how we got to know his amazing story, which he shared with the Highs on email and is reproduced here in summarized form.

"My love for trucks started early in life. My first contact with them was when I was seven years old; new neighbors moved next to us, and their son-in-law started a trucking company. When I was twelve my father died, and they became my second home. I always said that I wanted to be a truck driver, and every free moment I was over there, getting in their truck when I could.

"When I graduated from high school my mom paid for my trucking license as a reward. I couldn't drive the big trucks before I was twenty-one, so I first did my military service (mandatory back then). That's when I met Anneke, an angel sent by God; we were married in September of 1991. By the end of my service I started driving truck for my neighbor's company. I got the longest ride they had, night-trucking to Luxemburg, a twelve-hour shift. But after a year I wanted to go further, on longer trips, so I changed company and started to do international driving. In 1993 I started driving for another company that did international day-ride transport; it was good for my family because I was home every evening.

"Now I grew up attending church, but it was just 'the thing to do'; while I believed in God, it was only several years after a life-changing event in 1994 that I truly understood who He was and what He had done for me.

"It was a cold winter morning in January 1994. I left home around 5:15 AM in my car (we always left the truck at the company yard). That morning I drove way too fast for the road conditions; at the entrance of the ring road around Brussels, when I took the turn my car started to slide right towards a light pole. The impact was devastating; according to witnesses, the car broke in two pieces like a razorblade had gone through it. I was thrown from the car and landed on the concrete, far from the wreck. Looking back I know that the Lord held me in His hands; from the moment of the impact it was like a series of miracles happened.

(Top) Hans with the Volvo he drove at age 21, with an 8-speed F12, 360HP engine; (middle) The DAF truck he drove before his accident, 270HP engine with a 16-speed transmission; (bottom) What was left of his Alfa Romeo after the accident.



"A young woman, also driving to work, saw the car wreck and barely missed my broken body (my right arm was the only part of me that wasn't injured). She visited me months later and told me she thought I was dead. At the same time a trucker saw the accident and used his truck to block the road so no one could pass; he also had a mobile phone in his truck and was able to report the accident (remember this was 1994, before everyone had a cell phone). Meanwhile the head nurse from a local hospital, on his way to work, arrived at the scene; he had in his car all the medical equipment needed to give me emergency assistance. Had it not been for him, I would have been dead by the time I got to the hospital. Soon the ambulance arrived and took me to the hospital, only three miles away, where the professor of the trauma section and his team, on duty shift, were able to start operating within a few minutes! Coincidences? I never believed that! People later said I had all the luck in the world, but it was no luck; it was the Lord who saved me.

"After a whole day on the operation table, I was put in an induced coma, and no one could tell how I would come out of it. There was some bleeding in my brain and they had to drill a hole in my skull to let off the pressure. I woke up more than a month later. To make a long story short, my right leg had to be amputated above the knee, and the doctors told me I would never drive a truck again. I told them I would! I started the long road to recovery with a fierce stubbornness; but I was in a lot of pain and, not knowing any better, I was angry at God.

[Editor's note: During the period that followed, Hans writes that he had a long journey adjusting to the new normal in his life. He was able to get back to driving for a while, then pain forced him to get off the road. He struggled with debilitating depression but got some help and eventually went back to work.]

"After a temporary job with an international courier service company, an old acquaintance from my trucking years called asking if I still was interested in a trucking job, because he had something for me! A few weeks later I was truck driving again. Meanwhile, I was searching for the truth. As a result of watching an evangelical program on TV, I decided to check the phone book for "something evangelical," which resulted in my getting in touch with the pastor of the Evangelical Church in Zaventem. I told him about my search, and he invited me and my family to their Sunday service. Anneke and I attended the church the first week of September 2000. I will never forget that day; it felt like a 'homecoming'—I had found what I was looking for. We both cried a lot during the service; it felt like God was touching us from every side of the place.

"I had ups and downs through the years; because of my

health at one point I had to give up trucking altogether. Then in 2009 someone offered me a job as a truck driver again: a daily trip to Luxemburg, just driving, nothing else. They got me a Volvo with an automatic gearbox. Once again I felt like a 'king of the road'! I decorated and furnished my truck cab and took care of it like it was my own because I knew it probably would be my last truck. I received many compliments about it, but I also knew some people mocked me, calling me "the priest" (because of the Christian symbols in the truck, including the cross I had gotten from TFC). I always answered with a cheerful 'God bless you'!



"But by 2011 some difficult things happened at work that resulted in my giving up trucking for good. After thinking, praying, talking about it with brothers from church, good friends, and my family, it was the moment to listen to the doctors, to my body, and, last but not least, to the Lord. It was hard, but it was the right time.

"I feel that my health and strength are decreasing. After my accident, doctors had told Anneke that probably within ten years I would be in a wheelchair. Well, that was twenty-five years ago, and I am still here, still standing, still walking. Every day is a gift from my Lord, Jesus Christ. I've told Anneke more than once that if tomorrow my time is come, I will leave with a grateful heart."



Top: Hans does not allow his disability to interfere with enjoying life.

Above: This little chapel was a gift from his children for his 50th birthday—but the real gift was inside. Read the rest of the story (which involves TFC Global) in August!

More Shots from Hans' Years of Driving

Our marriage, 09/14/1991, with my Volvo F12.



Road trip in Australia in 1990

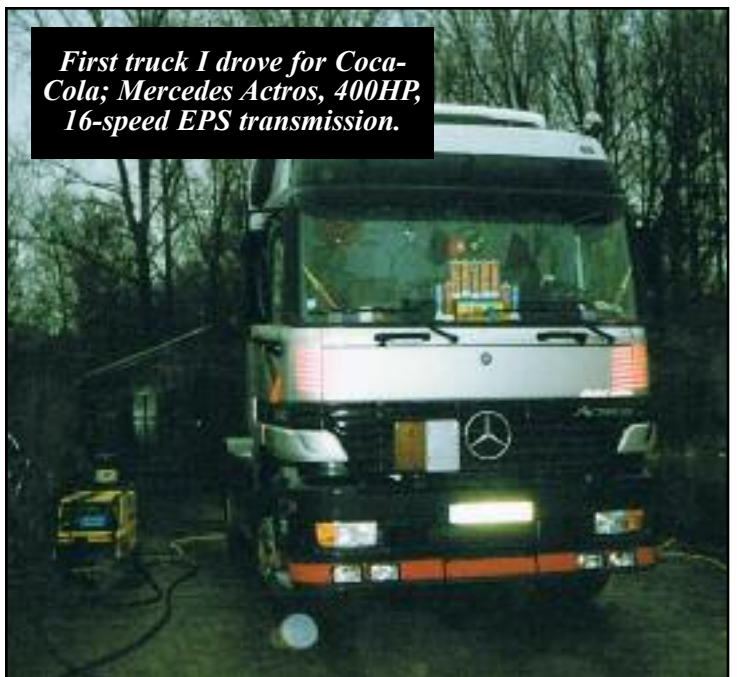
At age 17 (when I actually started driving truck) I accompanied the driver on a night trip in this truck.



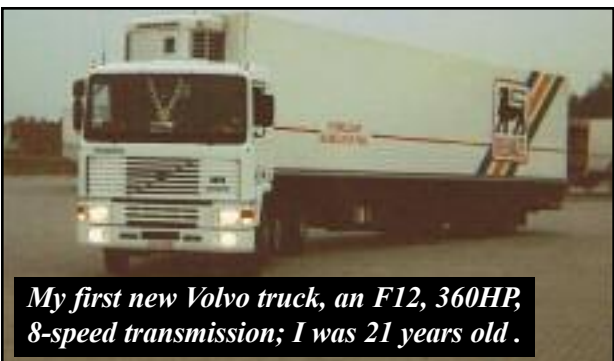
My younger years - my neighbor's first truck



First truck I drove for Coca-Cola; Mercedes Actros, 400HP, 16-speed EPS transmission.



My first new Volvo truck, an F12, 360HP, 8-speed transmission; I was 21 years old.



MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

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

- ◆ A driver came in and we had a wonderful time of study in the Scriptures, Christian fellowship is delightful!
- ◆ A driver came in and we chatted. She went “full circle” with the Lord saying she went to church and partied on the weekends. Today she said she wanted to be with Jesus and gave her heart to the Lord.
- ◆ Sean came in today with a humble spirit. He admitted that he wasn't committed to Jesus and he didn't think he was heaven-bound. After a Bible study on salvation, he gave his heart to the Lord Jesus.
- ◆ Bill came in tonight rather distraught. We immediately got into the Word. We read from John 3 and Romans 10. I emphasized the lordship of Jesus and being faithful to His Word. Bill prayed and asked Jesus into his heart.
- ◆ A driver came in tonight and told us he belonged to a family church. I asked him if he would go to heaven when he died; he could not answer the question. Today, he asked Jesus into his heart.
- ◆ Charles came in saying the Holy Spirit led him to us. We studied John 3 and Romans and he gave his heart to Jesus today.
- ◆ A lady driver came in and rededicated her life to Christ. She has had a hard life and needed to start anew. I prayed for her and her family.
- ◆ Leon, a 52-year-old trucker from Pennsylvania, came in and accepted the Lord today.
- ◆ Daniel came in today and gave his life to Christ.
- ◆ A couple came in for prayer and gave a testimony of their love for God. It was a blessing to hear of their love for Jesus. A new driver came in after they left; he loves the Lord but misses his church. I told him to ask God what He has for him as he is driving truck. I prayed with him before he left.
- ◆ A driver came in for prayer for a friend. After we talked for a while, I asked him if he knew the Lord as Savior and if he died, would he go to heaven. He told me that he did not know if he would go to heaven, but would like to know. I shared with him the Romans Road and he accepted Jesus as Savior.
- ◆ Stephen, from Tennessee, was in tonight and what a joy it was to hear how God brought him and his wife through the loss of a son in the military. He shared and we cried together. How great our God is in the time of trauma.
- ◆ One driver in this morning. He is a local driver that stops on a regular basis. He stated that the chapel has been a real blessing for him and he looks forward to coming in.
- ◆ I had a woman come in asking for prayer. Her husband left her, she lost her home, but she is still trusting God. She is now driving truck. She was very nice.
- ◆ Manuel came in looking for fellowship and the love of Jesus. I prayed for him. He said he is a believer.
- ◆ A local guy who works for UPS came in distraught and said he was at the end of his rope! I tried to encourage him that God is good and has a plan to lead us to repentance. I prayed for him and his situation.
- ◆ A driver came in to thank the chaplain who was on duty a couple of days ago.
- ◆ A driver came in wanting to talk and pray about his adult son's alcohol use. We talked for over an hour and then prayed for his son.
- ◆ Two drivers came in for service because they heard the announcements. Driver Mike, a young Christian, gave his testimony on leaving atheism; Driver Dean, a mature Christian with 44 years of driving, was able to help Mike.
- ◆ A driver came with questions about forgiveness. I answered his questions in the context of a Gospel presentation. He admitted that he'd never had it explained before and said he had lots to think about.
- ◆ A driver from Kentucky visited with us for Christian fellowship. We spent two hours sharing testimonies and praying for one another. He told us he was blessed to be here.
- ◆ Bruce wanted to know how to have a relationship with Christ. I explained the Gospel of grace, then asked him if he believed this and if he wanted to make a profession of faith. He responded, “Yes.” After his profession, we prayed together.
- ◆ I met Demetrius on the lot and asked him if he were to die, did he know if he would go to heaven. He said probably, because he follows the rules. I presented the Gospel to him and he prayed with me to surrender his life to Christ.
- ◆ Driver Emanuel came in for prayer and some encouragement. We prayed before he left.
- ◆ A couple came in while their truck was being worked on. They said they had never seen a chapel and were impressed. I gave them a *Highway News* and showed them the locations. We had prayer before they left.
- ◆ Troy, a driver for 14 years, came into the chapel with many problems; also, he wasn't sure if he would go to heaven when he died, he said he wasn't good enough. I shared about the free gift of salvation with him and he surrendered his life to Jesus!



The Best of GREEN ONION



Don't Be Offended!

Hey, Green Onion," said Hog Caller, "I'm offended by what you said to me!" Green Onion thought for a while and finally said, "I can't think of anything that I may have said that offended you, Hog... What was it?"

Hog Caller mused for a while, then admitted, "I can't remember right now, Onion." To which Green Onion said, "Well, neither can I, Hog."

"Now I'm VERY DEEPLY offended, Onion!" Hog Caller replied in a huff.

It doesn't take much to offend someone these days. We have become such a "touchy" society. We can even offend someone today by not being offended or taking on their personal offenses against some person or cause.

Many are offended that they were not promoted or given recognition for their superior credentials. And it goes on and on. It's really exhausting to be around some people who take personal offense at the slightest criticism or inconvenience. It makes you want to escape to New Guinea, hide in a dark cave, and eat bats for survival.

And it's really not limited to today's society; we see this throughout history, and even in the Bible. We read in the book of Proverbs, "An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars" (18:19 NLT). Jesus said, "And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me" (Luke 7:23 KJV).

How are we blessed? By not being offended by what Jesus says through His Word, the Bible. Jesus is the "...rock of offense: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 9:33 KJV). How is Jesus offensive? Because He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but

by me" (John 14:6 KJV). What an incredible statement, especially in our modern, sophisticated world of "tolerance" and "political correctness," where we're coming to a point where everything is tolerated except God's truth.

The Apostle Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31 KJV). Jesus testified over and over again that He is the only true Messiah and is one with His Father. We have a choice, a choice that the author C.S. Lewis put so well in his book *Mere Christianity*: Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or He is Lord of all and the God we need to worship, praise, and serve.

I said to a driver who came to our chapel, "If you could prove anything about Jesus was wrong, then you would be the richest man in the world." Then I challenged him to read the Bible, because "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

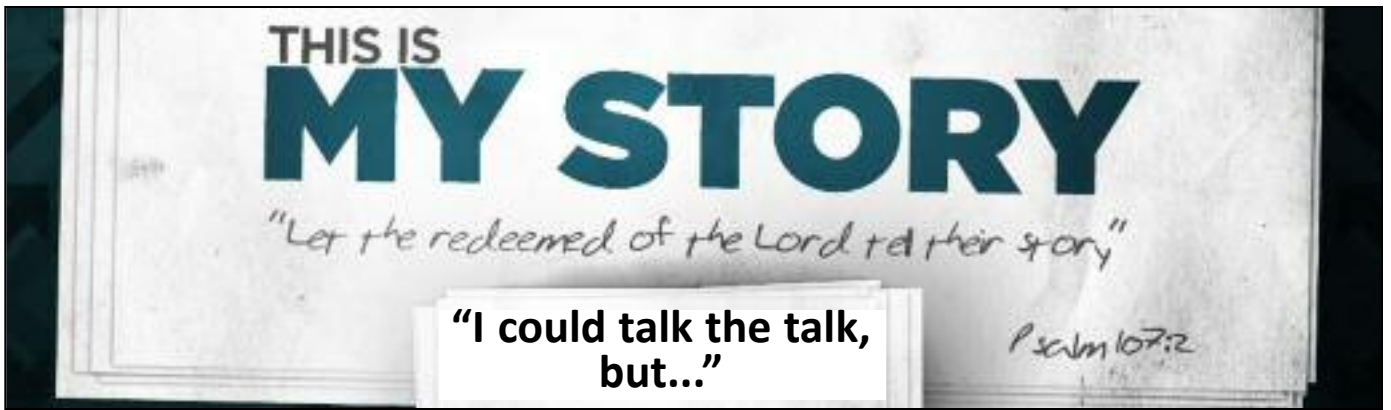
At some time in life, you and I have been offended and we have offended others, but our greatest offense is to God Himself, who says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). God's Word tells us that we must turn from our wicked ways and repent. Fall on your knees and pray and surrender your life to Jesus. If you do, He who died for all our sin will come into your heart and life. Don't be offended by the world; look, instead, to the One Who can save you from it. ☺

*First published in September 2003; Scriptures are from the New International Version, 1984
David Roberts is Chaplain Emeritus with TFC*

Pray Always. Do Not Lose Heart.

Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
Colossians 4:2 New American Bible (Revised Edition)





When I made the decision to go to driving school and get a CDL, I was like so many others. I was out of options and at the end of my rope, so I tied a knot in it and held on. I held on not out of pride but out of a sense of duty to my wife and child and my role as the provider of the family. It's truly sad how disrespected the career of truck driving is. Even my own mother wrote me a letter telling me what an embarrassment I would be to the family.

I persevered, obtained a CDL, and got a job at a good company. I didn't know at the time how good this company was. McElroy Truck Lines was a small flatbed outfit in Western Alabama. Mr. JC "Buddy" McElroy was a true servant of the Lord. Because of his faithfulness, another man of God was in place to completely change the course of my life. Darrell Spicer was a terminal manager that showed drivers the love of Christ. I was one of those drivers. I had a head knowledge of God but no heartfelt relationship with Jesus. I wasn't saved, it's as simple as that. I could talk the talk among Christians, but that was all it ever was—just talk.

Darrell had a genuine heart for drivers, and one day he handed me a CD. He didn't make a big "sale job" or throw down any groundbreaking preaching. He simply showed me a CD and asked if I had ever heard it. When I told him no, he gave it to me and just said to give it a listen when I had time. Well, I had time and plenty of it. That CD sat on my dashboard for weeks. I was afraid of it, as if it was a snake curled up there. I could feel God working on me, placing me in the right state to hear what He had to say.

One day, going down Interstate 40, I put the CD in the player. By the time it was over, I had pulled off in a rest area and knelt in my bunk, calling out to the Lord. He saved me. I surrendered the fight I didn't even know I was fighting. In that instant, what was old died, something new was born, all because a man that loved Jesus took a second to hand me a CD. I am no longer lost but am truly found. As a new creation in Christ, I was able to become the leader of my family that I should be. I was led by God to a church that was alive with the Holy Spirit. I became the husband I needed to be to my wife and the father my children deserved. Darrell started a ministry to help drivers of faith to be bold and share the love of Jesus while out on the road. I felt the call of the Lord and became a Road Chaplain. The roads of America are its veins and trucks are its lifeblood. There is a critical need for men and women of Christ to be bold and do something as simple as hand someone a CD that could change the entire direction of their life. For all the millions of miles we may drive, there are only two destinations in the end: eternal life with Christ or death without Him.

Steven, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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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@TFCGlobal.org, mailing to TFC Global, PO Box 117, Marietta, PA 17547, or submitting it online at www.TFCGlobal.org/stories and click on "Tell us your story." Your privacy will be respected upon request.

Mobile Chapel Returns to Make-A-Wish Events

- Reports and Photos by Doris High -

Again this year the Mobile Chapel was invited to participate in two Make-A-Wish events held in Pennsylvania: The Gettysburg Convoy for Wishes on May 5 and the Mother's Day Make-A-Wish Convoy in Lancaster on May 12. TFC's Mobile Chapel has participated in the Convoy for Wishes since 2014 and in the Mother's Day Make-A-Wish Convoy since 2007.

The Gettysburg Convoy for Wishes had over 200 trucks participating in the parade—less than usual because of the weather. Doris High reported that it was a very rainy day and not as many people stopped by the chapel. "However, we had some great visitors," she said. "We even prayed with a grandmother and her grandson about a particular concern."

With truckers coming from many other states to join the Lancaster Mother's Day convoy, it's a great opportunity to get them familiarized with this ministry, even if they don't come to the two brief services held at the chapel before the convoy leaves the grounds; should they see a chapel later while on the road, it will be a familiar sight and remind them we're there for them. We are grateful that the organizers of both events always reserve a prime spot for the chapel.

Even with the rainy weather, this year's convoy had about 650 trucks, according to reports. ☺



Top: At the Gettysburg Convoy for Wishes.

Middle: A wish child fascinated by the fire truck.

Above and left: A fire truck was parked next to the chapel, and Doris was able to go on the lift to get some good shots.

Overseas Ministries Update — By Kevin Scott



RUSSIA—Driver Pavel visited Chaplain Vladimir at the Moscow chapel every time he was in the city. This went on for over a year. When he stopped by at Christmastime, Vladimir again shared with him the message of God's love and told him how to accept Jesus. Pavel left without making that choice. Just after Christmas there was a tragedy in Pavel's family that caused him and his wife to turn to God and accept Christ as their Savior. Pavel told Vladimir this on his first trip in January. In mid-February Pavel became very ill. He would call Vladimir and they would talk on the phone and

pray over the phone. The doctors told Pavel it was his heart and they couldn't do anything about it. As he got weaker, he would call Vladimir and tell him that he was not upset, he was calm and had peace because he knew he was in God's hands. **Before he passed away in March, Pavel asked Vladimir to pass along his gratitude for TFC Global, the ministry that brought him to Christ. He said he hoped many more drivers would come to know God through this ministry.**

Do You Have What It Takes?

Is God nudging you to be part of an innovative chaplaincy program that is building bridges to the nation's commercial driving workforce by integrating spiritual, emotional, and physical care? Then come join the only chaplaincy-based program in the country specifically designed for the trucking industry by an organization that has over sixty-four years of ministry experience in the trucking industry. Who better to know the unique needs and struggles of our commercial drivers, their families, and those who work in the trucking-related industry than an organization that was founded for the purpose of serving this specific industry?



TFC Global Corporate Chaplains Network is seeking chaplains with a strong desire and calling to take Christ to commercial drivers, their families, and the trucking community by serving them at their point of need.

If you believe that God may be calling you to a chaplaincy ministry and you believe you have what it takes to minister to the unique needs of this type of industry, then give our Office of Chaplains a call at 717-426-9977. We would love to speak with you concerning this great ministry opportunity. Don't wait! Our Chaplains Training School (CTS) is only held in the Spring (March) and Fall (September) of each year.



RAMBLER



by Gary Nussbaum

On Freedom and Trucking

Man has forever sought for and attempted to define freedom and independence. Jesus, speaking to those who believed Him, said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

From the first breath to the last, our spirit's desire has been to be free; free to do and be whatever we wish. When we took that first breath, we let the world know we had a need. We were grabbing for air while something within told us we were hungry but didn't know how or where to get what we wanted until—mothers to the rescue! Eventually you and I will be at the other end of this journey, battling mightily to hold on to that last bit of breath. Before that happens, the freedom of deciding life's choices will gradually take flight, leaving us grasping for any degree of choices left for us. For some the change may be sudden, while for most it will be a gradual reversal of roles, as our sons and daughters, those for whom we made choices and decisions, now need to do the same for us. That freedom-seeking spirit goes with us to our grave. It is our desire to be in control; but who is ultimately in control?

In the past, so many young boys dreamed of being a truck driver (I was one of them). Their reasons were usually based on the thrill of the road and being identified as being one of the respected "kings of the road." It was the thrill of being able to actually see the country many only dreamed of seeing. One of my Kansas friends summed it up for me by saying, "I love to feel the power and know I have the control of it." Don't we all? To put it all in a nutshell, the bottom line is that we desire freedom. We assume that to be free is to have the least amount of oversight from others. But trucking is like the spiritual battle that lies within all of us: It is assumed the road will bring us freedom, until reality kicks in.

Nations, countries, and empires have followed the same pattern. They have been born and for differing reasons have come to an end. Since the creation of the world they have been in a never-ending cosmic battle. This is

not the Star Wars or science fiction version, but life played out on the stage of history. For centuries historians have recorded lives, events, and the culture that encompassed the length of their existence. What brought a nation to power and what was it that brought its downfall? History is a matter of man's providing an account of what happened or was reported as happening. As history presents windows of understanding of the past, it is obvious that life has changed but man has not.

Recorded history indicates man's advancement in technology as a result of his desire for more and greater knowledge and freedom. Travel and means of communication are but a few examples of what man deems as advancing. Yet when all is weighed on a scale, he still lacks peace he so desperately strives for. When man set sail not knowing if there was anything beyond the horizon of the waters in which he was floating, or more recently being propelled into space not knowing what the end would be, is on one hand a leap of faith, and on the other it has become man's ingenuity, thinking he has no need of God, or seeing himself a god.

History is filled with lives sacrificed for the sake of freedom, both by those who promised it and those who sought it. Looking at this from a spiritual perspective, Satan promises freedom but in the end is death, while Jesus promises the freedom that gives life. In John 8:34-36, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Are you living in FREEDOM? ☹️

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

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

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

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