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Notes from our readers



Dear folks at TFC,

I grabbed a copy of your *Highway News* at Sapp Brothers in Commerce City, Colorado. I have been truly blessed! I enjoyed the pictures and positive articles. I've been trucking for over twenty years, with 2-1/2 million safe miles. I have seen much in the U.S. and Canada. Have a nice winter!

Robert B.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen at TFC,

I have been tithing my earnings to Transport For Christ because I am very satisfied with the work you do, bringing truck drivers to Jesus Christ—thank you for your work! I am also requesting prayer...for unspoken needs, problems that we have been experiencing [in the family]. I have enclosed another tithe from the work I currently do. It's not much but I trust that it can be used to further God's kingdom. Thank you again for all you do, leading truckers to Jeuss Christ.

Randy

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A Word from Dan

My grandfather was a great storyteller up to his last breaths at age eighty-nine. As a young man, I visited him and knew that I would not have to work at keeping the conversation going. Grandpa Witwer had a deep reservoir of anecdotes.

Some tales were true while others were suspect, like this one. A man sitting at the lunch counter drinking coffee had to use the restroom. He didn't want anyone taking his coffee so he wrote a note on a paper napkin.

"I spit in this coffee." After returning to the counter, feeling relieved, he noticed that someone had written, "So did I" on the same napkin.

A truck driver friend of mine posted a picture on Facebook recently. The photo was a note written on a napkin. Apparently my friend had gotten up from his seat and left the table for a few minutes. When he returned, he found the note saying that his meal had been paid. (I must try that tactic!)

During November and December of each year, we hear and talk about generosity. The holidays are a season of giving. Truly, many people are liberal in their gifting. I've been the beneficiary of material and spiritual giving during the holiday season. You have, too, I'm sure. You may be one of those generous givers. It is fun to give and see faces light up.

Then January arrives. The generous spirit gets edged out by discipline. Now that the new year has arrived along with the credit card statement, we need to control spending. Having put on extra pounds, we need to stop the treats. All the extra activities need to stop since we splurged in December. We are resolved to discipline and belt-tightening.

The indulgences need to be curbed, but please, not the generous spirit. A generous demeanor, in the cold, gray days of January and February, has the effect of lighting up others' spirits. Giving another driver some slack even when he or she has done something foolish is generous to that driver and even to your own blood pressure. Giving a big grin and a hearty greeting to the fuel desk attendant usually melts a frozen face.

Someone has said that God doesn't want something from you; He wants something for you. When you and I experience the generosity of God's grace, we begin to live generously in all ways, every season of the year.

Wishing you a generous 2018,

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy..." Titus 3:4-5

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On the cover and above: Waiting at the holding area, just some of the 1,600 trucks that daily unload at the Paranaguá Port in Southern Brazil. Photos by Chaplain Marcelo Soares.

Transport For Christ...

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

TFC chapels offer truckers a place where they can find fellowship, encouragement, a listening ear, prayer in time of need, and at all times, the message of redemption in Jesus Christ.

Exciting News from Brazil

As reported by Chaplain Marcelo Soares

We are so grateful to God for all He is doing in the lives of truckers here in Paranaguá, and for the advances we are seeing in this ministry. Every Saturday we go to the port to serve the truck drivers and minister to them. For example, recently we were able to provide haircuts to fifteen drivers, helped thirty drivers with blood pressure checks and such, and distribute about fifty booklets, many tracts, and five Bibles for truckers who didn't have one in their cabs. All this opens the door for us to talk about Christ Jesus [and His love for them]. And we praise the Lord that we have seen fruit! Truckers are coming to us for prayer and counseling.

But sometimes the Lord gives us opportunity to sow a seed, and we just have to trust Him to continue to work in the heart of the driver. One such example is Valderic, whom we met this past July. He came to the room where our team was doing haircuts. He had been given a Bible while he was in the parking lot, and he felt drawn to accept the invitation to the meeting room. He looked sad and dejected and began to share with me [Chaplain



Marcelo] that he was depressed because of the stress his company was putting on him, the long periods of time he has to spend away from his family, and the poor wages he is earning. He just felt there was no solution, no answer, that nothing could ever change. I had the opportunity to speak with him about God and how He loved him and wanted to have a relationship with him. I also gave Valderic a booklet with the Gospel message. Valderic did not become a Christian that day, but he did leave encouraged that maybe there could be more to life, and he promised to read the booklet, call me, and visit again on his next return to the Port. Please pray for Valderic.



Then there was truck driver Joao, who arrived at the Port and, while waiting to unload his cargo, came to us to know a little about our ministry. Joao was separated from his wife and living in a trailer, and talked a lot about his life. He was very sad when he arrived, but I had the opportunity to talk with him about our God, and at the end of our conversation I offered him a Bible; he was very moved and even cried. Pray for this man because I am sure that soon we will meet again and learn that he has accepted Christ Jesus into his life.

Now we are excited with the news that resources have been raised for a chapel, which will enable us to minister from Monday to Saturday [instead of just one day a week]. We know that many more truck drivers will come to Christ as a result! We are looking forward to great things happening in the future, both in Paranaguá and Imbituba. Please continue praying for us. ☺



Opposite page, top and middle: While helping drivers with practical issues like checking blood pressure and offering free haircuts, the chaplains have an opportunity to minister the Gospel.

Opposite page, bottom: The ministry team of CASE-PR, TFC's Brazilian strategic partner, with Chaplain Marcelo, their leader, on the right.

This page: In many cases, whole families are reached through the ministry at the port.

New Ministry Field Opens Up In Southern Brazil



There is exciting news about the ministry here in Southern Brazil. In September, I traveled to the city of Imbituba, in the state south of Paranaguá, to visit Chaplain Alexandre, a good friend and brother in Christ (photo below, Alexandre on the right). He introduced me to his pastor, and I have the joy of sharing that we are extending this ministry to the truckers who come to unload at the Imbituba Port. We've already received authorization to start ministering at the Simon Truck Stop, and this past October we held a service where two drivers accepted the Lord!



Paranaguá chapel fundraising reaches its goal!

By Kevin Scott

In the fall of 2016 we began to share with our ministry partners the need for a mobile chapel unit for the Port of Paranaguá so that the work could be expanded into a full-time ministry to the drivers coming to Paranaguá from all over Brazil as well as many other South American countries. With 1,600 trucks per day passing through the Port, our team at CASE-PR (our Brazilian strategic partners) knew that ministering one day per week was not enough. The only way the Port authorities would allow us to expand ministry was with our own chapel. We shared the need and people began to respond, donations began to arrive, and soon God opened the floodgates of Heaven to respond to this need. Through donations from individuals, a foundation, a local church, and a business owner, the goal has been achieved—praise be to God! We are now working to secure a unit and finalize design conversion. Our first Latin American chapel is becoming a reality!

Please continue to pray for Chaplain Marcelo and the board of CASE-PR as they finalize the design and continue to raise funds from local businesses and churches to support a chaplain and the ongoing ministry, both in Paranaguá and now in Imbituba as well.

Breaking News!

Exclusive for our online readers!

After this edition went to press, news reached us that a unit had been acquired (photo below) that will become the Paranaguá Port chapel. We join our Brazilian team in their excitement that soon ministry at the port will happen every day instead of just once a week!



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This Truck?**



*Send guess to
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Last month's truck was a
1937 Mack Jr.*



CHAPLAIN'S LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

◆ Met driver Viktor on the lot; he said he couldn't get to his fellowship because of driving and had been listening to a church service on his cell phone. I extended an invitation to come to the chapel. He came and was here for about two hours, taking in everything that the Holy Spirit gave me to share with him, asking questions, and finding answers. I prayed for him and his family still in Russia. He kept thanking me and shaking my hand! *Chaplain George*

◆ As I was walking the lot, I ended up having a long conversation with a driver who was originally from Palestine. He was a follower of another religion but not all that devout, by his own admission. He seemed to be somewhat interested in hearing what I had to say and asked questions. I pray a good seed was planted. I also had over an hour of conversation with a driver who was a native of Somalia. He rejected the Gospel but did accept a Bible and told me he would read it. He really needs peace in his soul, but only accepting Christ will do that. *Chaplain Ryan*

◆ I walked the lot and talked to a trucker from Burma. I told him about God's love for him, but he wanted nothing to do with Him. He did, however, take a *Highway News* magazine and said he would read it. *Chaplain Cal*

◆ Driver Jose, a believer from Pennsylvania, came in today. He is a new driver in training and he misses his church already. He picked up a Bible and asked if we had any Spanish literature. I have him a book in Spanish, and he took some teaching CDs and a *Highway News*. He was very happy to be here. As we prayed together, he wept with joy. He plans to be back to see us again. *Chaplain Peter*

◆ Driver Une came in for prayer before he hit the road. He is from the Ukraine and his English wasn't very good, but he is a lover of the Lord and we had good fellowship. *Chaplain Wayne*

◆ Javier came into the chapel today with a heavy heart and many issues with his truck. He was wondering if he wasn't living right. I asked him if he had ever asked Jesus to be his Savior and showed him the first steps to belong to Him. After I shared many verses about our need for Jesus, he accepted the Lord as Savior. *Chaplain Mark*

◆ I had a visitor from the Ukraine. He is here for the summer and staying in Toronto. I gave him a Bible and a *Highway News* magazine. He was very interested in the chapel. I prayed God's blessings upon him. He took pictures of me outside the chapel. *Chaplain Rich*

◆ A Spanish driver came into the chapel, and we spent about half an hour sharing the things of the Lord. He was very zealous, and I enjoyed his visit. He left, taking a Spanish Bible and other literature. *Chaplain Allan*

◆ I talked to a young man with an unusual name; he said he was born in Laos, in Southeast Asia. He had a positive attitude and a big smile. *Chaplain Jay*

◆ We had a driver from Serbia come in. He is a Christian and said he has been here in the United States for four years, in the Arizona area. He said he would be back for the service tomorrow. *Chaplain Wayne*

◆ Roger came to the evening service. He is a fairly new Christian, and it is fun to watch him grow in his faith. He shared with me that this past week he was at the Flying J fueling up when he looked up and saw another driver who seemed to be distraught and in tears. Roger asked him if he was all right, and the driver told him that he really didn't know why he was at that truck stop; he had stopped at another truck stop and no one was there to pray with him. Roger asked him if he could pray with him, and the driver said yes. The driver was so relieved after Roger prayed with him. Roger said he told the driver, "Go to the TFC chapel and Chaplain Jim will be able to help you." *Chaplain Jim*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

By P. E. Olson

Driving into a Headwind

Driving the Interstates and highways offers plenty of challenges each day: heavy traffic, rude drivers, potholes and debris in your lane (not to mention the four-wheelers who have no clue how to relate to truckers on the highway). But driving into a headwind adds additional worries.

Strong headwinds slow your progress as you lose precious time en route. Your mileage drops dramatically and you can almost see the gas gauge dropping right before your eyes. Your hands clasp tightly to the wheel in case a side gust blasts your trailer, threatening to push you into the next lane.

Life throws headwinds into our personal lives, too: a demanding boss you can never seem to please, mounting bills you've no hope of paying off, personal relationships that are suffering from your long absences on the road.

There's a way to get peace in the midst of the storm, a peace that human reasoning cannot explain. This peace comes from above, from a loving Father in heaven who created us and is just waiting for us to ask for His help. Philippians 4:6 assures us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Before we can present all our troubles to God, we need to

be in a right relationship with Him. We need to confess that we are sinners and ask for His forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Then we can receive His peace.

Jesus made this promise to all of us here on earth who believe in Him and have been saved by His grace: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid...I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 14:27, 16:33).

If you are not a child of God, pray the prayer below, then accept this assurance found in Romans 5:1-2: "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."

You CAN face the headwinds in your life with calm and have peace. May God bless you as you let Him have complete control of your life!

Write to us and let us know you've prayed this prayer. We'd love to send you a Bible study to get you started on this new journey. ☺

You Can Have Peace, No Matter How Strong the Winds

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

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

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

Changed Lives in Russia ~ By Kevin Scott

This past Fall, Dad and I had the privilege of traveling to our ministry sites in Russia and Zambia. Dad and Laurie were in Zambia for a week, while Josiah, my son, and I were in Moscow for a week (while we were in Moscow, Dad and Laurie stopped over on their way to Zambia). It was so good to be able to meet with our chaplains and their families, to spend time supporting them as they deal with the loss of loved ones (each family has had a significant loss in the last year), to reminisce, and to plan for future ministry. We were able to hear stories, meet drivers, and see God at work. We have returned tired and spent, but blessed beyond measure! God is good, and He loves truck drivers throughout our world. Here are the stories of some of these drivers.

We met Ginnady (photo on right, in striped shirt) on our first day in the chapel in Moscow. When he walked in he greeted Chaplains Alexander and Vladimir warmly. He had heard we would be visiting and brought gifts for us: cheese and bread from his hometown in Ossetia, and a bottle of the “best spring water in the world.” This water is the cargo that he trucks into Moscow every month.

Ginnady was warm, gregarious, and happily sat to tell us his story. Chaplain Alexander told us that Ginnady spends fifteen days a month at the truck stop where our chapel is located, distributing his load of water to smaller trucks, until he is finally empty, reloaded, and able to return home. He does this every month and says the chapel is his church!

Ginnady has been coming to the chapel for eleven years—but has not yet become a Christian. As we talked, it turned out he knows the Bible (he said that was thanks to our chaplains). He told us that after coming to the chapel for six years, he brought his wife with him because she needed to hear the chaplains’ message of God, and when she left she had become a Christian. Two years later he brought his daughter, with the same result. Then, after nine years of coming to the chapel, he brought his eighty-eight-year-old father with him for the



1,600 km trip. He brought him because his father wasn’t well, and Ginnady felt he needed to hear the message of God before it was too late. His father, who is blind as a result of his trade in welding in a time when they only had poor quality masks, became a Christian and has become actively involved in his local church.

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

Chaplains Alexander (right) and Vladimir (left) shared many other stories from their ministry at the chapels during the previous months; it was so encouraging to hear what the Lord is doing through their ministry at the two chapels we have in Moscow! Here are some of their stories:

- A driver from Stavropol stopped by Chaplain Vladimir’s



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Widening the Ministry in Zambia

Chaplain David was excited to share all that is happening with our Zambian ministry. He has additional chaplain trainees, and they are taking days off work so that he can go through the TFC Ministry Manual with them. One of those trainees is Chaplain Kamboni, who shared about an encounter with driver John Chifoloman (pictured on right). Driver John had just returned to work following a tragic accident where he and his friend Steve ended up unconscious in an overturned truck that was on fire. John says that he came to just in time to free himself as the cab burst into flames. While he ended up only with burns on his head and body, Steve died in the fire. John says he was haunted by this since that time. When Chaplain Kamboni shared the Good News of God's love and forgiveness in Christ with him, John eagerly accepted Christ into his heart and attended service that Sunday. During the service, he asked to share his story, and concluded saying that since accepting Christ into his heart God had released him from the control of the fear and pain he had experienced since the accident.

Then Chaplain David told us about drivers Peter Kaunda and Joshua Mbewe, who became Christians three years ago after he shared the Gospel with them at one of the truck stops near Chirundu. They returned to the Ministry Center several times to be discipled and actively studied their Bibles. They also became very passionate about telling other drivers about the life-changing power of Jesus and inviting them to come to the Ministry Center.

Ministry Reaches the Copperbelt

Both men worked for the same company and drove the same route, but in early 2017 their route was changed; they



now travel in the Copperbelt, driving the northern Zambia highways bordering the Congo, from Kitwe to Solwezi to the Kansanshi copper mines. God laid on their hearts the need to continue to reach their fellow drivers for Christ, so they began holding devotions and prayer each morning and prayer each evening at whatever truck stop they're located.

They have also received permission from some of the trucking companies to hold prayer at the company yard when they are there to load or unload. Then in early May they held a Bible study in the parking lot of a smelter plant while waiting to unload. A driver who was sitting in his truck nearby listened intently but did not join in until he saw the other drivers were being given New Testaments and *Highway News* magazines. He went to the chaplains and introduced himself as Rodrick Miti and asked for the materials as well. Chaplain Joshua gave him the materials but felt led to allow Rodrick to study by himself.

Rodrick went back to his truck to read. Later that day, he approached the chaplains and asked them to explain a passage in Colossians that he had been studying; the passage talked about new life in Christ. The chaplains explained the plan of salvation to him, and Rodrick accepted Jesus that day. Since then he has felt called to help other drivers receive the peace and forgiveness he found in Christ. He isn't comfortable sharing his faith yet, but he has a unique gift for finding the drivers who are open to hearing the Good News and bringing them to the chaplains. He brings several people a day to them, and one day he brought twelve drivers over the course of several hours! All of those he brings receive Christ as Savior. Rodrick prays that one day he will be able to lead the drivers to Christ himself, but until that day he continues to fulfill the call that God has placed on him—to bring as many truck drivers as he possibly can to the chaplains so they can share the Gospel with them.

Other drivers have responded well to Peter and Joshua. God

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chapel at the end of April. He had seen the chapel on other visits and had spoken to Chaplain Vladimir in the parking lot, but he had never entered the chapel. He came in with a heavy heart, feeling very weighed down by both family and financial concerns. He admitted he had spent the previous week trying to drink his problems away, but that the only result was to make his financial problems worse. Chaplain Vladimir spoke with him about man's need for God and His offer of the gift of salvation by faith. The man left, saying he had much to think about. He returned the following day and asked, "How does a man accept salvation?" Chaplain Vladimir walked him through God's plan of salvation, and this driver gave his life to Christ. He claimed it felt like a weight had been lifted. He promised to return to visit the chapel on his next Moscow trip.

- Drivers Asher and Malik, from Tajikistan, visited Chaplain Alexander's chapel last fall. These men were 3,100 km (1,900 miles) from home and struggling with knowing they wouldn't be with their families over the hol-



idays. Chaplain Alexander shared the Gospel with them, invited them to spend Christmas with his family, and took them to church. These men accepted Jesus before they returned home, taking their new faith with them.

- In June, five drivers from South Ossetia and Armenia visited the chapel. They talked about their problems, and we had a discussion about the nature of sin and shared about the salvation that is available to man through Jesus Christ. After a long discussion, three of them accepted Christ's salvation.

- Raf was a Muslim who had been coming to the chapel for many months. This time he stopped by to tell me that since his last visit, he has become a Christian and has been baptized. Praise God! He brought Andrew along to hear the Gospel. The following day he came back, this time bringing Farid, from Uzbekistan, to visit the chapel. Raf had been preaching to Farid, and Farid had many questions. He was very interested in our ministry and in the Gospel but was afraid how his family would react. We prayed together before he left.

Please pray for our team in Russia and for their families as they faithfully continue to witness of God's love and forgiveness to the drivers who come to the chapels. 🙏

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was clearly laying the groundwork for a new ministry outreach! In the months since they started their devotions and prayer times, fifty-five drivers have given their lives to Christ. They have been handing out Road Map of Life New Testaments, but some of the drivers have purchased their own copies of the Bible.

Chaplain David continues to work with Peter and Joshua, training them and encouraging them in the work they are doing. The company these men work for was so impressed with their ministry that they were given the third week of August off work so they could travel to Chirundu and be trained by Chaplain David. Please pray for this new, fledgling ministry, as they strive to be faithful to their Lord and share their faith with their fellow drivers.



Kazungula

Chaplains David, Peter, and Joshua spent part of August visiting trucking companies and churches in the Kazungula area, as well as Livingstone, recruiting volunteers to help continue the ministry at the ferry crossing as well as finding new locations open to the Gospel. They again had a very positive reception, with drivers just waiting to hear about God.

Please pray for more volunteers to continue expanding our ministry in Africa. The men and women on the roads in Africa are very open to the Gospel, eager to hear about God's love, and quick to accept His forgiveness. More workers are needed! ☺



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

From the Logs of the Hope Chapel in Ontario, California

- ◆ Bobby gave his heart to Christ tonight!
- ◆ A woman traveling with her husband in a truck came in; she just needed to talk.
- ◆ As I was riding the lot, I invited Ryan and his 12-year-old daughter to the service. Both came to the service and gave their hearts to the Lord.
- ◆ Gerardo came by to check out the chapel. He found Jesus and gave his heart to Him.
- ◆ Luke, from Romania, came in and said he needed to confess, thinking I was a priest. I shared with him about the High Priest, Jesus, and told him he needed to commit his life to Jesus. He did that today!
- ◆ I met Geraldo outside the chapel as he was walking by. I asked him if he knew Jesus. He said yes, but really didn't know Him as Lord and Savior. I told him he can KNOW Him, and receive eternal life. I went through the Bible to show him how Jesus paid for our sins. He accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior!
- ◆ Scott walked in and said he was ready to be saved. He accepted Jesus today.
- ◆ Kerrie walked in the chapel. I shared my testimony and she gave her life to Christ.
- ◆ As we walked the lot, we met driver Frank. Rudy engaged him in conversation and led him to the Lord. Frank accepted Jesus as his Lord!
- ◆ I met Jose outside the shop and talked to him about the Lord. I invited him to come to the service. He came and accepted the Lord.

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

- ◆ A driver called me on the phone, wanting to unload about situation problems he was having with his wife. Part of it was he was that he was looking at changing jobs where he can be home every day instead of away as on over the road driver. I prayed for him.
- ◆ Driver Angelo came in the chapel asking questions. I answered his questions as best I could. We had a great time of fellowship with each other.
- ◆ I had the opportunity to share the Gospel and challenge one driver in regards to his relationship with Christ. We prayed together, then and he asked Christ to come into his heart.
- ◆ A driver stopped in to tell me how God has delivered him from drugs and alcohol and how he has his CDL back. I prayed with him and gave him a Bible.
- ◆ Toni came into the chapel as I was ready to leave. I sensed a real desire on her part to get right with the Lord. I listened to her for about half an hour, then took her through a number of Scriptures and asked her if she wanted to have Christ come into her life. She said yes, and we prayed together.
- ◆ Gilbert, from Jamaica, came in for the morning service. He is a soft spoken man who loves Jesus. We had a great time!
- ◆ Dudley and Connie came into the chapel late at night. They told me God spared their lives when their truck lost its brakes on a mountain. After sharing some Scriptures, I asked if they wanted to make sure their names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and if they wanted to pray with me to make sure, and they said yes. I led them in the sinner's prayer and they left the chapel rejoicing.
- ◆ A driver came into the chapel midafternoon. He seemed somewhat cast down and depressed. He was a believer but seemed somewhat beat up by the world. I shared with him from the Gospel of John, where we read about Jesus as the good shepherd. The driver took a Bible and the three-part Bible study for truckers. He said he would do the studies and mail them in.
- ◆ Driver Andre, originally from Russia, stopped by and we talked outside at the picnic table. He asked me question after question. After a while, he went to the Travel Center to get me a cup of coffee and brought it back to the chapel. He then continued to ask questions until another driver came in.
- ◆ A driver came in the chapel about 8:30 PM with a lot on his heart. He had several driving issues and was afraid he would lose his CDL. He has done two tours in Iraq, with the Marines. He was also a very passionate Christian who had gotten saved while in prison. I felt that the two hours spent with this young man were a divine appointment.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

From the Logs of the Lighthouse Chapel in Racine, Wisconsin

- ◆ Three drivers came in for the morning service. All three professed to know Christ. We began a study in the book of Colossians. We had a good discussion after the message.
- ◆ Two drivers came in for the evening service. One is a retired pastor who drives for the Wisconsin Veterans home. Both men are deep into God's Word and I became the learner. All of us were blessed by our time in the Lord.
- ◆ Driver Roger, from Michigan, stopped in to talk. He is a believer and we had a good time of fellowship and prayer for each other before he left.
- ◆ Driver Loren came in. He is a truck driver during the week and a pastor on Sundays. Loren loves the Lord Jesus.
- ◆ A driver came in to fellowship, and we had a good discussion. He has family in Poland and Chicago, and they are nominal Christians. We prayed they would put their faith in Christ and not in tradition. We prayed for his wife who is wheelchair-bound and is saved.
- ◆ Driver David and his co-driver, Randy, came in. I have visited with Randy a number of times, but this is the first time with David. I prayed for them before they left.
- ◆ Daniel came into the chapel wanting to study the Bible. He said he is a Christian, but admitted his understanding of God's Word to be weak. We opened up the Bible to John chapter 3 and studied verse by verse. His comprehension of the Bible became much clearer. We prayed together, and he left on a much happier note.
- ◆ Drivers Brian and Albert came into the chapel. Brian has been here before, but it was Albert's first visit. Both are strong believers in Christ. They shared prayer requests, and requested further contact.
- ◆ Driver Michael was in for the evening service, staying until 11:45 PM. We discussed many topics; he is a believer but needed encouragement to do more reading and studying of God's Word.
- ◆ Driver Marvin came in to talk. Marvin is a believer and just wanted someone like-minded to talk to and we did for an hour. We finished with prayer.
- ◆ Driver Cindy came in the chapel today. She is a believer in Christ and appreciated TFC being here.
- ◆ Driver George stopped in to pick up a Bible, as he had misplaced his. He took a Road Map of Life New Testament. We then spent about an hour talking, and prayed together before he left.
- ◆ Driver Charles stopped in to thank us for the chapel and what we do. He wants to get out of the trucking business because he is not making any money. His truck has been broken down more than not. He says he is a believer who wrestles with God. Prayed for him to commit everything to Jesus Christ and seek out a different job.
- ◆ After giving out Highway News magazines to drivers and coming back to the chapel, I found driver Austin kneeling down praying for his girlfriend and her two sisters, for their salvation. It's been weighing on his mind and he felt this was a good place to come and pray to God. We talked for a while, and I prayed for him and the three ladies. He is a believing Christian and thanked me for praying with him.
- ◆ Driver Mike Rogers, a pastor, stopped in to pray for the TFC ministry. He had met Chaplain Dean in the lot earlier in the day and he wanted to show his support for the ministry.

From the Logs of the Refuge Chapel in Grand Rapids, Michigan

- ◆ Clarence stopped in to pray for me, and I prayed for him. What an encouragement!
- ◆ A driver came in saying she was feeling guilty because she hasn't been to church in six months. She said she was not at ease in the church she had been attending. I suggested she look for one she could feel better about being in. I gave her a Bible and prayed with her. She left considerably more peaceful than when she came in.
- ◆ Joe came in just needing to have fellowship in some place "apart from the world." We talked, told stories, and just had fun.
- ◆ Four drivers came for the evening service; all were believers. We sang, prayed, read from Luke 7 and 8, commented, sang, and closed in prayer. All stayed after the service to talk.
- ◆ Ernie, a Christian from Ontario, Canada, came in for fellowship. He used to be a farmer, so we had a lot in common. He is grateful his wife is cancer-free at the present time. I prayed for her.
- ◆ Larry stopped in. He is a friend of mine and a believer. He was on his way to work and stopped in to see where I hang out. I gave him a tour and he was duly impressed.

Staying Fit While on the Road? It's Possible!

Here Are Some Simple, Affordable Options To Choose From!

By A.J. Fleming, N.D.

Looking for an uncomplicated, economical, and convenient way to get fit? Exercises that can be done almost anywhere—even while on the road? Then try some of the following tips. (CAUTION: Consult your doctor before starting any new exercise plan, and remember to loosen up muscles by stretching before a workout to prevent muscle strain and injury. And start slowly!)

1. Exercise Can Include Any Type of Movement

You don't have to be a bodybuilder or marathon runner to obtain basic levels of fitness. The key is moving more and sitting less. Any movement can burn calories and improve the heart. Obviously, the more you move, the more calories you will burn and the better the results. Any movement is better than none, and staying active certainly beats the sedentary life of a couch potato.

2. There is Something for Everyone

...to suit every personal need or fitness level. Search the Internet for ideas of basic fitness routines. The list of options is almost endless—from walking and resistance bands to dumbbell weights, jumping rope, stair climbing, and many more. Elastic resistance bands are inexpensive, will fit conveniently into a backpack, and will provide strength conditioning to help firm up those muscles. Check sporting goods retailer for available options (or even your truck stop store or the local Walmart).

3. Isometric Exercises

This is the most uncomplicated type of exercise, and one that requires no special equipment. Press your palms together in front of your chest. Now grab your wrists and attempt to pull your arms apart. Do the same with your hands held over your head. Hold each pose for about seven seconds, release for seven, then repeat. For a tougher workout, push against an "immovable" object like a wall; pretend to spread apart a door frame with your arms and legs; simulate lifting a car bumper; or when in an office setting, try to lift a heavy desk or file cabinet...all of which are impossible. Be cautious not to overstrain, because you don't want a hernia or back injury! Begin all movements lightly and exert more pressure as you feel comfortable.

4. Old-fashioned Calisthenics

Even with all the fancy exercise equipment available today, pushups and sit-ups still remain highly popular with athletes, military personnel, and police units. If easier workouts are your style, do pushups against a wall, or perform them while resting on your knees. Instead of full-length sit-ups, try stomach crunches—you only go halfway up, and they are much easier on your back. Remember to keep your feet on the floor but raise (bend) your knees upward when doing sit-ups or crunches to prevent back strain.

5. Homemade Weights

Large plastic bottles such as soda or bleach containers can be filled with water and used as dumbbells. Heavy food cans or hardcover books will work as well. Or fill a container like a duffle bag, backpack, ice chest, or tool box with heavy objects such as food cans, water bottles, books, or tools. Begin light, then increase the weights as your fitness level improves. Again, use a back support brace if necessary to prevent strain or injury.

6. Swing an Object

A golf club, baseball bat, or tennis racket can build upper body strength, coordination, flexibility, and will also help trim your waistline. For a heftier workout, try swinging a heavy tool—like a pipe wrench or even a sledge hammer. Or, if you don't have any objects available, rotate your arms like a swimmer. Walk around your truck while doing so to work the legs.

7. Simple Strolling

Walk around your truck a couple of times before heading to the restaurant. Wrist weights can improve the upper body, are not expensive, and are available at stores or online. For longer walks, take a water bottle to prevent dehydration. If walking around the truck lot at night and safety is a concern, find someone to walk with you.

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



A Battle with No Neutral Ground

What are the concerns that weigh heavily on your spirit as 2018 is upon us? Has the news you hear each day prepared you for the future with a spirit of hope, or has it created a sense of despair? Businessmen are wondering if 2018 will bring success or failure. The concern over the financial and political world creates so much uncertainty.

We all wish to do what is best for ourselves and our families, but how can we do better when the world seems to be caving in or exploding around us? Technology through the Internet is linking us instantaneously to the world and the world to us. The convenience is welcomed by most people, but few fully understand the subtle purpose and outcome at the end of the road. In our quest for ease and safety we have made ourselves to be most vulnerable. That which has been created for our convenience and supposed protection is actually putting us at risk, and so many do not even realize it.

The Internet connects us to anyone we choose, yet at the same time it makes us visible to—you name it! Networks of cameras are constantly being installed in every public place you can think of for the purpose of either information or safety, which we accept due to our many fears. On the surface, all these advances sound legitimate, but very few consider the ultimate consequences.

With all the unsettledness and needs that surround us, the growing change in the philosophy of government is being driven by the world and our present generation that feels socialism to be the answer to the world's problems. Does this generation fully understand this philosophy in its truest context? Do they really get it? This issue and those already mentioned are only a small part of every individual's worldview and interpretation of history past, present, and future.

How we look to the future, beginning with 2018 and beyond, is greatly determined by our worldview. What is the foundation for your worldview? We first need to real-

ize that there are only two worldviews: it's either following God and His truth or rejecting Him to follow the prince of this world—Satan. The fact is that we're in a spiritual battle—a battle that is ultimately about truth (the Bible) versus sin. Truth is what is found in the Bible. To deny the Bible is to deny truth.

Have you wondered why the movie industry is producing so many movies with apocalyptic and end-times themes? Is this not evidence of Satan's subtle schemes? We know from Old Testament prophets, the Apostle John, and Jesus, Himself, all that will come and more, but this is a subject for another time. Let's just be assured of what the Bible tells us in Romans 1:18-19: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them" (ESV).

As we look at events taking place around us, let us be like David when he said, "Some trust in chariots, some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7 ESV). We are assured by Jesus Himself, when He encouraged His disciples, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 ESV).

This world is all that most people have to look forward to if they choose to ignore God's Word. What will your choice be? ☹

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G The Best of GREEN ONION



by David Roberts

New Year's Irresolution

Hey, Green Onion, what's your New Year's resolution?" asked Mud Flap. "Well, Mud Flap, this year I'm in a state of emotional adjustment between opposing forces that are influencing me." "And what's that, Onion?" "I hate those guilty feelings that come from failing to follow my resolutions. So I decided to make an irresolution to be in a constantly hesitant frame of mind."

I'm going to be 59 this year. Well, not really—I just took off a few years for being sick, sickened with fear and worry of not fulfilling my commitments, promises and vows to God, my family, and accountability care group at church. I don't want to be a closet hypocrite anymore who gives the false appearance of virtue and sanctimoniousness. I'm just going to ask God through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, to forgive me for wasting so much of my (or, rather, His) time. I'm going to say, "Lord, I'm sorry for wasting so many years trying so hard to perform for people so they will like me. I'm tired and exhausted from trying so hard to be a good Pharisee."

I'm beginning to experience freedom by listening to what Jesus said in Revelation: He has given to all of us to be blessed if we read His words, worship Him, and obey what the Spirit is saying to the Church. "I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first" (Revelation 2:2-5).

What did I do all those years ago when I first came to know Jesus Christ and all my sins were forgiven because He took my place and died on the cross for me? I did what the poor, blind beggar beside the highway did when Jesus restored his sight; I did what the shunned, diseased leper did when Jesus healed him; I did what the demon-possessed man, who was influenced and controlled by evil spirits, did when Jesus delivered him and set him free. Like them, I worshiped God, praised God, loved God, and thanked God for all He did for me. I just celebrated in His holy presence. I just enjoyed walking, talking, and sitting at His feet, listening to His voice.

Jesus said to the outcast woman by the well, "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24).

God is here. He is with you and me now. We can worship, praise, and thank Him anywhere, any place, and at any time. We can ask the Holy Spirit of God to help us and teach us how to pray and how to reverence, honor, and adore our Lord Jesus Christ. The last page of the Bible says, "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book'....Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen" (Revelation 22:7, 20b-21).

The first tenet of the Westminster Shorter Catechism states that "The chief end of man is to glorify God (worship God) and enjoy Him forever." Pray for me and I'll pray for you this New Year that we do this one thing! ☺

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If you were to die today,
where would you spend eternity?
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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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