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A Word from Our President

COMMUNITY IN THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY?

I have heard all the excuses why community among believers in the trucking Industry cannot happen. And that is just what they are....EXCUSES. On top of that, we have ignored the biblical mandate God has given us concerning the need for believers to meet together no matter what their occupation or time constraints.

Why is community with other Christian believers so important?

Christian community is a big deal. Even among the trucking community. It's important for our happiness and growth. And it's not an optional part of the Christian life. When we are in close relationships with other believers, we have people to pray for us, support us, encourage us, exhort us and serve alongside us. We have people that we can minister to and are able to "Do Life" with. Just like any relationship, there are difficulties within Christian community, but it's totally worth it!

The question we as a ministry would ask is "Is the trucking community ready to recognize the need that exists for community among the professional driver, his family and others who are part of the trucking industry? We should be, because as I said earlier it is not an optional part of the Christian Life!

The Bible gives us verses like: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25); "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity" (Psalm 133:1); "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7); "So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:5); "And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts" (Acts 2:44-46).

If you are looking for Christian Community, find a church, a TFC Global FaithLife Center on your designated travel route, an ICTA breakfast meeting, or a TAP (Talk And Prayer) meeting in your region that teaches the Bible and stresses that the only way to be saved is through faith in Jesus Christ. Come early to the gatherings and meet others like you from the trucking community and engage in conversations. Jump into a small group Bible study and other mid-week activities held by a TFC Global chaplain in your region. Invite other members of the trucking community to join you at these meetings. Meaningful relationships can take time to develop, but if you keep working at it, it'll happen. If you need help developing Christian community, call TFC Global at 717-426-9977 and we will help you find a group near you. If you are on the road, we will help you find a FaithLife Center on your route. If you are a trucking company owner or trucking related business, we can help you find one of our ICTA (International Christian Trucking Association) meetings near you. If you are the wife of a driver or company owner we can help you find a TAP group near you. The Bible is clear on this. We need to be in community and TFC Global has provided a way for this to happen in the trucking industry.

If you or your family don't know Jesus Christ as your Savior, then I would be certain you have no idea about the importance of what I have just shared. If that is the case, then we invite you and your family to come to these meetings and learn about the unconditional love of Christ. A love that sent Him to the cross of Calvary so that you might have eternal life. A love that through His shed blood for you and your acceptance of His free gift of salvation allows you to come into God's family and experience what true Christian community is all about.

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Stephanie Klang (pictured on right with her traveling companion Fred the cat) retired recently after a career in trucking that started in 1980, mostly with CFI. During her tenure as a trucker, she also served on the board of Women In Trucking (see page 6).





TFC GLOBAL CHAPLAINS PROVIDE

- 1) Free emergency care for trauma and crisis events**
- 2) Someone to listen to your employees**
- 3) Addiction help through Celebrate Recovery Step meetings**
- 4) TFC Global network of counselors dealing with many aspects of health and mental illness**
- 5) Fee-based program for full or part time chaplaincy services at your location**
- 6) Intensive weekend seminars for addiction recovery with on-site counselors and support staff**

For more information on how TFC Global's Corporate Chaplains Network can provide services to your company contact our office at info@tfcglobal.org.



TFC Global has become increasingly aware that our brothers and sisters in Christ who are professional drivers and those who are part of the trucking industry along with their families have a strong need and desire to be able to build Biblical community among their peers. Although TFC Global has also done a fairly good job at providing scriptural engagement, we have done a poor job at providing growth opportunities for the trucking industry. In light of that fact we have taken a page out of our past and created the International Christian Trucking Association. This group has been created to provide a way for the trucking industry and their families to know Christ and grow in their Christian life through discipleship opportunities, educational resources and seminars as well as a future national convention. Fellowship and Bible study meetings will be provided through our regional chapters and at our monthly ICTA prayer breakfasts. We would also like to hold a members-only job fair at locations across the country. This allows us to connect Christian drivers with Christian trucking companies.

Our desire is to connect drivers, employed or retired, trucking company owners and other Christian trucking-related individuals in supporting and encouraging one another. I once had a driver tell me that he did not go to college but the trucking community was his fraternity. If there is going to be a movement of God in the trucking industry it will begin with brothers and sisters in Christ who call the trucking community their family, coming together to pray and support one another while working to build the kingdom of God through evangelism and discipleship. Come join us!

To become a member of the ICTA visit our website or email us at info@tfcglobal.org. Your membership fees help fund the TruckersLife Foundation which provides resources for professional drivers and their families in an emergency.

THIS IS MY STORY

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story"

My Wandering Truck Story

I was always a loner, with no guidance or direction from my parents. As a boy, I would spend hours in the woods observing nature. I was never shown how to be a farmer, how to do anything mechanical or even how to play any sports. My dad never worked on a car or showed me how to fix things mechanically or how to build anything using my hands. I was bullied in high school and called nicknames; as a result, my grades suffered. I never had any focus or purpose.

That is, until I went to college at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, where Morris Hayes, the vocal director of the Statesmen (an all-male chorus), told me I had excellent tone and range when I auditioned. I felt I had found purpose in my life!

Then in January of 1970 I came under conviction of sin and cried out to God to save my soul. That is when I became excited about the Lord. I wanted to read my Bible, go to church and let everyone know of my faith in Jesus. I eventually decided to transfer to Pillsbury Baptist Bible College as I felt God wanted me to be a missionary. While at Bible college I studied vocal performance and was used by God to bless lives in chapel and singing as a soloist in the choir.

I eventually got involved in church planting, which was good but not the best for me, as I was weak in church administration and had a hard time preparing three sermons a week. To make a long story short, I got discouraged and quit the ministry in 1995; that's when I got into trucking. I saw that Schneider National in Green Bay was looking for truck drivers and that they would train me. I enjoyed driving so I thought I would give it a try.

I drove for four companies from 2003 to 2017—Schneider doing long-haul that included some hazmat; J B Hunt, mostly rail and local; Hamm and Phillips (the most difficult stint of all), driving a tanker on the oil fields of North Dakota, sometimes in horrible weather; and finally, for SAV out of Coon Rapids, Minnesota. They got me home almost every weekend and I could pick and choose my loads.

The thing I enjoyed most in long-haul trucking was seeing the country. I drove in all the lower 48 states and seven provinces in Canada. The other thing I enjoyed was being able to listen to books on tape and CD, which I would check out from my local library (this was long before you could listen to books on your cell phone). I don't enjoy reading at all, unlike my wife, who is a bibliophile. So here I am, driving 500-600 miles a day and am able to stimulate my mind and pass the time by listening to books of all types of authors, fiction and non-fiction. They helped and encouraged me to better understand myself and consider everything that I had done in my life. I am truly thankful for that experience.

While I enjoyed trucking, I see now that it really wasn't my calling. I would encourage anyone considering long-haul trucking to make sure that's what they are called to do. In my case, I should have found a job similar to what George Beverly Shea did on the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusades—not to be the preacher but the singer. Trucking was too lonely and was bad on my marriage, my social life and my spiritual life (since the Bible says not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together). I rarely went to any church over the 14 years of driving because so few churches have a place in their parking lot for a truck driver to park his rig. I stopped by chapels at truck stops on occasion, but many times it was just me and the chaplain, so it was rather lonely.

Being on the road also resulted in my getting away from the Lord and not exercising the gifts he had given me. I finally decided to get out of trucking because I was developing several physical issues, not to mention the stress. I left trucking in October 2017. I now have a regular Monday-to-Friday job. But best of all, I now have a chance to bless peoples' lives through the ministry of song and to be actively involved in a good local church. I now feel that I am returning back to the Lord and the place of blessing. "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength..." (Isaiah 30:15).

Steve Trahms



Trucking with Women in Mind

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

Have We Increased the Presence of Women in Trucking?

This past March we celebrated Women's History Month and the Women In Trucking Association was formed in March of 2007. Now, fourteen years later, how have we advanced our mission to "encourage the employment of women in the trucking industry, address obstacles, and promote accomplishments?"

The first question we are usually asked by the media or potential members is in regard to the percentage of women employed in the trucking industry. After all, according to W. Edwards Deming, a statistician and quality control expert, "You can't manage what you can't measure."

If you look at the Department of Labor data regarding labor force statistics, they currently show the number of professional "driver/sales workers and truck drivers" as 3,364,000 in the United States. Of those 7.8% are women, which means there are 262,392 female drivers. However, the department of labor description (code 53-3031) includes those who "drive a truck over an established route or within an established territory and sells or delivers goods, such as food products, including restaurant take-out items, or pick up or delivery services such as laundry." The description also states they may take orders, collect payments or stock deliveries.

If we use the Department of Labor figures, then there has 88% increase in female drivers since 2010. This is pretty amazing, and we would like to take credit for this increase. Well, what the heck, we WILL take credit for this increase because we've made it our mission to bring more women into the trucking industry.

However, when you think of the trucking industry, we aren't really thinking about those straight trucks pulling into grocery stores to stock chips on the shelves, or laundry services dropping off your freshly dry-cleaned clothing. This description doesn't seem to be about over the road or long-haul professional drivers. For that reason, the board of directors at the Women In Trucking Association determined that we need to know if we are making a difference in this industry. So, we decided to create our own WIT Index.

First, we paired with the National Transportation Institute (NTI) which graciously added a question to their quarterly wage surveys. They asked carriers for the percentage of female over the road drivers. Surprisingly, many of the car-

riers had not determined this number and did not know their male to female ratio. For those who responded to the NTI survey, the average percentage of over the road drivers who are female was 7.13% in 2017 and increased to 7.89 percent in 2018. The needle was moving slightly, and the number of respondents was increasing. In 2019 we partnered with Freightwaves to conduct a survey to determine the industry's participation of women as technicians, safety directors, managers and professional drivers. They received 884 responses from both for-hire and private carriers, logistics companies, and freight tech firms.

Overall, the respondents reported that women make up ten percent of all over the road drivers. We also learned that only four percent of diesel technicians are women and that about 38% of fleet safety professionals are women.

What about the leadership teams? In the United States, women currently comprise 7.4% of all CEOs in Fortune 500 companies and about 26% of all board seats, despite recent legislation to establish diversity quotas. The Freightwaves survey found that female executives in trucking make up 36% of the leadership in transportation and just over 45 percent of non-executive employees.

Each year we also examine the publicly traded trucking companies by partnering with Memphis University to conduct the research. In 2020, of the fourteen publicly traded carriers women comprised 22% of the board director seats, but only nine percent of the leadership executives. (One carrier has no women serving on their board of directors and seven carriers have no female executives.)

What have we learned from monitoring this data? It reinforces the mission of Women In Trucking Association to encourage the employment of women in the transportation industry and to address obstacles (such as unconscious bias in hiring and promoting) and to celebrate the successes of the women who have become visible and influential.

Now that we can monitor the data, our goal is to see the numbers increase in all areas. Our intent is to make the trucking industry a more diverse and inclusive environment. We ask that you support our efforts by joining us (www.WomenInTrucking.org) as we create this positive change.



Our Mission: To relieve the financial burdens of commercial drivers and their families through lending a helping hand.

The TruckersLife Foundation is a non-profit program dedicated to improving the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of commercial drivers and their families in times of stress. When these times happen while on the road or at home, it can be crippling. Families struggle to meet the financial obligations of rent, power, gas, health insurance, groceries, or even travel to see a loved one who is hospitalized. The foundation exists to provide a helping hand, while reassuring them that others care.

Emergency financial assistance is available to help with items such as:
Emergency Travel
One Month's Rent or Mortgage
Groceries
Utility Bill Assistance

The TruckersLife Foundation is an initiative of TFC Global that will work with our Corporate Chaplains Network to provide encouragement in a stress-filled time.

Our Vision: To ensure that all drivers can provide for their families without fear.

For more information, contact TFC Global at foundation@tfcglobal.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT PAYING FOR SEX

MISCONCEPTION

TRUTH



The sex industry is a harmless form of entertainment for adults

"No one is hurt"

Men are naturally inclined to pay for prostitution

"Boys will be boys"

People who pay for sex are generally happy and free

"Helps meet needs"

This issue will always be around and there's nothing we can do to change it

"It's Impossible to end"



The sex industry directly recruits and grooms children for sexual exploitation

The avg. age of entry into prostitution is 12-14 yrs old

The majority of men do not pay for prostitution in their lifetime

Only 6% of men in the U.S. actively pay for prostitution

Many people who pay for sex report a variety of harmful effects

1/3 of active buyers say they wish they could stop

The Gateway to Freedom Foundation is "driving down the demand" in cities across the country & overseas.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

- ◆ Reverend Stanley Wertz joins our ministry team as the Great Lakes District Manager, taking over for Chad Roedema, who is now the Director of US Field Operations.
- ◆ Our international office hosted an in-person district managers' meeting. It was great to see the people that we have been Zooming with for many months. We spent our day going over policy updates and getting to know each other.
- ◆ Keep our staff in your prayers as they continue to minister to the trucking industry and the communities that surround our locations.
- ◆ Makes plans to attend our first Victory Weekend Truck Show. See our announcement on the Event Page.

HIGHWAY NATIONAL EVENTS & NEWS

It's prime time for air disc brakes, with nearly 2 in five owner-operators running them on the tractor—Increasing air disc brake adoption has been driven by a variety of factors, including improved stopping distance, serviceability, heat-handling dynamics, and more. Here are several key points to consider before making a switch from drums. *March 29*

Likely PPP extension presents opportunities for small fleets—With the U.S. Senate passing a bill extending the deadline to apply for Paycheck Protection Program, the measure now goes to President Biden. His signature would extend the March 31 application deadline to June 30. *March 25*

Legislation looks to ease HOS regs for livestock, ag haulers—A bill reintroduced in the Senate would relax HOS regs for livestock and ag haulers. Also, the owner of a Rhode Island-based trucking company was sentenced for falsifying FMCSA documents; and TA donates to St. Christopher Fund. *March 25*

Health-share plans prove to be attractive insurance alternative for owner-ops, small fleets—Four in 10 owner-operators continue to go without health insurance, yet for small fleets, low-cost health benefits are increasingly attractive as a competitive feature. So-called health-share alternatives to traditional insurance are an option. *March 24*

Nationalized ABC test would ice trucking's independent contractor model—A bill making its way through the U.S. House would follow in the footsteps of California's A.B. 5 law passed in late 2019 by severely curtailing the ability of owner-operators to haul freight for larger motor carriers. *March 17*

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Our Bright Future – Part 2: What I Have Been Learning About Myself

I Need to Keep Praying

Jesus said that men “ought always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). The Lord’s prayer is powerful and applicable: “Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil’” (Matthew 6:9-13).

I Need the Body of Christ

One of my favorite promises is, “where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them” (Matthew 18:20). Due to the current state of affairs and concerns over the virus, there is such a temptation to withdraw and become isolated. I need to stir myself and seek people of like precious faith.

“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

God has reconnected me electronically with dear friends from my past. I have benefited from our weekly times of fellowship and processing life together. The seasons of prayer which we have shared have become one of the highlights of my week.

I Reap What I Sow

During this past year of uncertainty I find myself leaning hard on God and His Word. I have been devoting more time to the study of scripture than listening to social media. I know that the more time I listen to the world, the more my faith is weakened, but the more I read His Word, the more my faith is strengthened. “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

Faith is essential in this day in which we live. For the battle in which we are engaged is not with flesh and blood but cosmic powers. “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of

God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm” (Ephesians 6:10-13).

Thanks be to God that “the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds” (2 Corinthians 10:4).

In 2021 I believe we will all be learning that “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). For “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). May God give us perseverance and patience for, “if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience” (Romans 8:25).

God’s Will Is Being Done

Even as it appears that darkness is spreading around the world, with the eyes of faith I believe that God is on His throne and is ruling in the affairs of men. By faith I believe that God’s kingdom is increasing and will ultimately fill the earth, while the devil’s kingdom will be eradicated from the earth.

“To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this” (Isaiah 9:6-7).

“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever’ (Revelation 11:14).



TFC GLOBAL: FIGHTING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL TRUCKER

Why is the development of a chaplaincy for professional drivers and their families so important? The high risk for poor health. Due to their work schedules, the risk may take the form of chronic stress, irregular schedules and excessive time away from home. In many companies have prioritized the health of the drivers, the workload demands of trucking have led to the development of marital issues, addictions, anxiety, and depression.

TFC Global has long recognized the need for chaplains and drivers to deliver a ministry of presence and support. Most chaplaincy programs provide. In addition to this community, we are able to offer additional resources.

Centers located at truck stops or in the companies throughout the region of these centers. The centers provide recipients point-of-contact resources, local referral capabilities and a trained professional chaplain.



- ◆ Celebrate Recovery Step meetings led by a trained chaplain.
- ◆ Human Trafficking Awareness training through the National Human Trafficking Awareness Week.
- ◆ Pornography addiction assistance through the National Pornography Addiction Week that will utilize a professional counselor.
- ◆ Crisis Care from a trained chaplain.
- ◆ International Christian Trucking Association (ICTA) leaders and company employees in the surrounding area.
- ◆ Talk & Prayer (TAP) meetings for women professional truckers to support families.
- ◆ DivorceCare and GriefShare programs will be available as well.

Would you consider hosting an ICTA or TAP event at your church or company? Would you also think about having a human trafficking expert to speak at your church, school, company orientation, young men/women's groups? Contact us at info@tfcglobal.org or call our office at 717-426-9977.

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A Vision Worth Running To

By Derek Thompson

The vision of the Gateway to Freedom Foundation is to “free every person from consumer sexual beliefs and behaviors so they can thrive in their life, relationships, and community.” That is what wakes us up in the morning—what we run towards with great commitment and passion. However, like any great vision worth pursuing comes the question: why is this paramount? Why does it matter? With a world full of needs why is freeing people from consumer sex so important? Does it really make a difference? There are two reasons why accomplishing our vision makes all the difference in the world.



ensure that everyone who is ready to get free is connected with the resources and support to make it a reality. We understand that in recovery there is no “one size fits all” approach; different things work for different people. That is why we’ve created a multi-layered intervention pathway that meets people where they are at and connects them to effective resources.

If you want to break free from consumer sex, or know someone who does, there is hope. Email Derek Thompson at derekt@tfcglobal.org and start the path to freedom today.

Freeing people from consumer sex restores lives and families

Although commonly misunderstood, the truth is that consumer sex (i.e. consuming pornography, prostitution or adult entertainment) has many long-term negative effects in people’s lives. Similar to the effects a steady diet of junk food has on one’s physical health, consumer sex wreaks havoc on one’s emotional and relational health. Tragically, this means that consumer sex not only harms the one consuming it, but also those closest to the person: their family and extended relationships. Take for example how one long-term buyer of prostitution summarized his experience: “I have really nothing to show for it. The memories are a drunken haze of strange women with no names or names I can’t recall. I have no relationships. No wife, no kids... my life is an empty shell.”¹

This tragic statement is the reality for so many people trapped in the behavior of consuming sex. Knowing this, it’s no wonder one third of active buyers of prostitution say they wish they could stop.² They know their emotional and relational well-being depends on it. Sadly, many never attempt to break free as they’ve given up hope that it’s possible. At the Gateway to Freedom Foundation we know that freedom from consumer sex is more than possible, and that is why we work so hard to

Freeing people from consumer sex puts pimps and traffickers out of business

However, just as vital and motivating to our work is knowing that when we successfully free people from consumer sex, we simultaneously put pimps and traffickers out of business. When more and more people become free not only does it restore their lives and family relationships, which makes our communities stronger, but it also effectively ends the scourge of sex trafficking in the world. This means that our work will ensure future generations of children will never be trafficked in the first place.

So if restoring lives and families as well as effectively ending sex trafficking is something you get excited about, then we would love to have you join us or support the work. There are a variety of ways you can make a difference. Whether you are an individual, a local church, a trucking company or business, we are excited to hear from you. Contact us at 717-426-9977 or info@tfcglobal.org and ask about the Gateway to Freedom Foundation. Or go to tfcglobal.org to learn more.

¹ www.demandabolition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Demand-Buyer-Report-July-2019.pdf

² Victor Malarek, “The Johns: Sex for sale and the men who buy it,” pg. 123

One of the delights about my office is a window-mounted bird feeder that was a gift from my son. As I go through my daily tasks and projects, I get to see birds (and the occasional squirrel) enjoying my gift of tasty birdseed. I also get to observe relationships and eating styles. I see the dove flapping in with the grace of a bull in a china shop and looking around to see if anyone saw her graceless approach to the feeder. The finches come in pairs (they mate for life) and take turns making sure the other gets fed. The killdeer comes in warily and flies away at the slightest movement.

The squirrel hops onto the windowsill and peers over the edge to make sure I am not watching before jumping to the feeder. The cardinal perches on the feeder, grabs a seed and takes it to a branch nearby to enjoy it.

What is the point of my ramblings about the birds? Each bird has a lesson for me (and even the squirrel). Is my attitude of giving like the finches – making sure others are taken care of and taught how to give? Or is it like the squirrel who cares for no one but himself?

This past year has been a season of plenty and a season



of grief. We had plenty of time to be home and around our family members, yet it was hard to be isolated, missing out on the normal activities of our lives. As this season comes to an end, what new habits of giving have we fostered? Do our family members see us giving and giving more than normal to help people in need?

At TFC Global, we have seen how this season has affected our professional drivers.

Addiction rates and mental health struggles were high even before the pandemic; now, they are at all-time highs. Investing in the future of our trucking community by giving to our Legacy of Faith program allows us to be prepared for the ever-growing needs of our drivers. These funds are set aside to be used to increase our reach. From cash donations to death benefits from life insurance, there are a number of avenues to give. Check out our website at www.TFCGlobal.org and click on the Give tab. If you need additional information, email info@tfcglobal.org or call our office at 717-426-9977. Give like the finches, making sure everyone has what they need.

TFC Global stands for more than just a ministry to truck drivers; our chaplains have had opportunities to help the men and women of the trucking community with struggles such as addictions, family and co-worker relationships, self care and more.

Our faith partners support us financially because they support our vision — support it because they know a driver, are a driver themselves or own a trucking company — support it because God has called them to give.

What about you?

Touching the Future



*Make a lasting impact
through a legacy gift.*



We exist to evangelize, educate and equip members of the trucking community and their families to help them grow in their faith.

Building a legacy is critical to the ongoing ministry of TFC Global. We can all make a difference in seeing the ministry be financially secure to continue meeting needs and expanding to reach more of the trucking world with the message and hope of Jesus.

TFC Global has years of learning, good friends, and ministry opportunities that have continued to touch many people. Gifts such as the following are a few examples of ways to bless drivers beyond a cash donation.

- * Stocks and bonds
- * Real estate
- * Retirement Assets
- * Insurance benefits

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Digital Addiction: I'm Bored with God

Part 1 of 6

By Brad Huddleston

"Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?" (Matthew 26:40b NLT)

The real underlying motive I have for writing on digital addiction boils down to what I observe in Christian circles the world over. For many years, I have watched technology invade every nook and cranny of the planet, including third world countries.

As the internet continues to bring many astonishing benefits, these enhancements are overshadowed by a severe decline of spirituality and intimacy with God, and there is a correlation. In short, many people have become bored with prayer, Bible reading, preaching, and worship unless it is accompanied by flashing lights, high volume, extreme energy, brevity, and rapid transitions between every activity. In short, the church has spiritual ADHD. A deep relationship with God is akin to cooking with a crock-pot, not a microwave.

My wife, Beth, will sometimes film members of the audience while I'm speaking. On one such occasion, I was speaking at a Christian college in the United States. While I was giving my talk, Beth was videotaping the students from the balcony. Afterward, we watched the videos and estimated that 80% of the students were on their phones the entire time I was speaking.

If I were to ask those students if they can multitask, the vast majority would probably say they are exceptionally good at doing multiple things simultaneously. But neuroscience has shown over and over that our human brains absolutely cannot focus on two or more things at the same time. While those students were on their phones, they missed the vast majority of what I was saying, which also means they were missing the spiritual points I was making.

Think about that. The college paid for my travel expenses as well as an honorarium, and most of the students received almost nothing from the session.

Whenever we attempt to multitask with a digital device (or devices), we overstimulate our brains with feelings of pleasure from the neurotransmitter dopamine. Chronically overstimulating our brains can ultimately lead to a numbing effect known as anhedonia, which means we have a difficult time enjoying lesser stimulating, non-digital, activities.

What do you think a typical student will choose in a college setting, a lecture or a phone? I believe that a lecture produces the proper amount of dopamine for cognition and, I contend, for spiritual connection with the Holy Spirit. If the pleasure center of a person's brain has become habituated to large amounts of dopamine from digital devices, they will be bored out of their minds from a human being giving an extended talk. If they can have

a phone in class, most students will choose the digital device, hands down.

God's heart yearns for a deep spiritual connection with His children. He paid a heavy price to make that possible. I often observe large segments of God's people yearning for a deep connection with the virtual world, with total boredom toward their Creator.

Despite our wanderings, God, in His wonderful grace, will rush to us the moment we decide to give Him our undivided attention.



Walk the Walk

By Mike McGough

Mark 11:24 – *Offer your prayers in faith. Believe with your whole heart that your prayers are heard, and that your Father in Heaven will answer them.*

Rest in Faith

He learned to drive in the Army during World War II. He was part of the supply line that provisioned Patton's 3rd U.S. Army as it moved across France and into Germany. Once asked if he was ever scared, he replied, "Sure I was; every day. That's when I learned to pray."

After the war, all he wanted to do was drive, and that's what he did. During a trip in 1957, he hit an ice storm that forced him to pull over in the middle of nowhere after he made it to the top of a particularly steep mountain. Another rig pulled up behind him and the driver came running up to the side of his cab. It was obvious this much younger driver was upset and scared. "What are we gonna do?"

The older driver said, "I have a bologna and cheese sandwich and a thermos of coffee. You're welcome to half." He suggested that the younger driver get in with him. They could heat up the cab periodically, and he had two army blankets they could share. After they ate and chatted for a bit, he told the younger driver to get some sleep.

"How can you sleep? We're in a real mess here. We're both low on fuel, and if this storm sets in, we could be

stranded for days." The older driver said, "I prayed the whole way up this mountain, and I faithfully believe that God's going to help us down the other side." They took turns sleeping and periodically heated up the cab to conserve fuel.

A brilliant sunrise woke the younger driver. The older driver was out checking his tires and making sure his load was secure. A warm front had moved in throughout the night. Within an hour or two he knew the ice would be gone.

Before parting, the younger driver thanked his new friend. "I really appreciate everything. You being calm helped me get some rest." The older driver smiled. "You know you can do that for yourself anytime you want. I learned years ago, it's really hard to pray in faith and still be fearful."

There's great rest to be found in faith!

Walk the Walk: A Daily Guide to a More Christlike Life is the daily devotional guide from which the New Testament passage that inspired this article is drawn. Copies of that devotional are available at Leadershipmrm.com under the Books/Publications tab.

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A Survivor's Voice

I need your help. I am looking for a trucker who has or had the handle "Chicken Plucker" in the 1970s and 1980s in central/northeast Pennsylvania. I am a survivor of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). An immediate family member sexually exploited me from infancy through early adolescence at parties in our garage in Lime Ridge, PA; the Columbia County Roadside Rest Area on I-80 West; and an abandoned warehouse off of Interstate 81 in Wilkes-Barre. Chicken Plucker (which is jargon for "pedophile") was my exploiter's business partner and truckers were their primary clientele.

I am looking for Chicken Plucker because I am searching for details about my exploitation. My exploiter, who is still alive, has denied sexually abusing and exploiting me; however, I am certain Chicken Plucker is the key to unlocking the truth. This trucker and the Cobra CB radio my exploiter used to communicate with him and to advertise me were extremely important to my exploiter. He kept the CB radio locked in his basement workshop decorated with photos of naked women when it was not mounted in his green Ford pickup.

When I was seven years old, I actually found Chicken Plucker on the CB radio when my exploiter was not around. I can still feel the hot pavement on my bare feet as I opened the truck door, turned on the CB radio, and started asking for Chicken Plucker by name. I did not have any specific question for him once I found him, but I somehow knew Chicken Plucker was an important part of the sexual violence I was enduring.

My exploiter actually walked out of the house and discovered me on the CB radio talking to Chicken Plucker that day. While I was certain he would beat me with his belt, as he often did when he was angry

or drunk, that day he just sort of shook his head and laughed, impressed.

My exploitation ended as I neared puberty. My exploiter's clientele only wanted young children, and my changing body was no longer desirable. I had been extremely valuable because my tomboyish short hair and long, lean athletic body allowed me to be exploited as both a boy and a girl. But I was now worth nothing, and my exploiter left to live with his long-time mistress.

Only a few months later, my exploiter asked my mother to return home, but she refused. While she and I never discussed my exploitation, I knew she refused him to protect me. She was also determined I would go to college to escape my family. She had also wanted to go to college, but was told by her abusive father she could learn everything at the textile factory where she worked that she could learn in college. Sadly, my mother died from cancer six months before I graduated. Her dying wish was for me to move to Boston to go to graduate school, which I did.

I am now 50 years old and live in New England with my husband of 18 years and our teenage son. My search for Chicken Plucker and the details of my CSEC history are important to me to personally understand what I endured. I also want to know because I am certain these same systems are still being used to sexually exploit children along Interstates 80 & 81 in Pennsylvania, as well as throughout the entire United States.

Please email me at findchickenplucker@gmail.com if you know where he is or have any information about CSEC or child sexual abuse imagery in central/NEPA in the 1970s or 1980s.

Stories like this are why TFC Global created the Gateway to Freedom Foundation (GTFF) to combat human trafficking in the world. Through GTFF we are making a difference by creating pathways for both victims of CSEC and buyers to experience healing and freedom. The ultimate goal of this work is to protect generations of children from ever being trafficked in the first place.



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- A. *Admit you are a sinner. "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).*
- B. *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).*
- C. *Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and turn from your sins. "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).*

To give your life to Christ, pray the prayer below.
"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."

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