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## FEATURE

Trucking for the Word of God Ministry has a unique way of sharing an important message.

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# A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Are you aware that a violent battle is raging around us twenty-four hours per day?

In 1965, Donald Grey Barnhouse wrote a book about this battle called *The Invisible War*. It is the battle for your mind, and that battle is vicious. It is intense. It is unrelenting, and it is unfair because Satan never plays fair. The reason why it is so intense is that your greatest asset is your mind.



As a counselor and a chaplain, I have seen the face of mental illness. I have seen what it is like when people are unable to hear God because their minds are broken and cannot seem to connect to God even when they want to connect to God. I know whatever gets your mind gets you. So one of the most important things we need to learn and teach others is how to guard, strengthen, and renew our minds, because the battle for sin always starts in the mind.

Philippians 4:6 gives us two ways to guard our minds from garbage: conversational prayer and concentrated focusing. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” How do you know when you have the peace that “surpasses all understanding”? When you give up trying to understand fully why God does what he does and simply trust him. This peace “will guard your hearts and your minds.”

The first way you guard your heart and mind is “in everything” to pray. Notice that he says to pray about everything. If you were to pray as much as you worry, you would have a lot less to worry about. Don’t worry about anything, but pray about everything. This kind of prayer is like a running conversation which means we are not on our knees. We don’t close our eyes. I have trained myself to do this. I talk to God all the time. I’m talking to him while I’m writing to you. So pray about everything. Maintain a running conversation.

Secondly, Paul says that we should fix our thoughts on specific things. “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise think about these things.” How do you do that? By concentrated focusing. This is one of the keys to overcoming temptation: don’t merely resist it; replace it. Whatever you merely resist persists. The more you hit a nail, the harder you drive it into the wood. And when people say “I don’t want to think about this”, what are they doing? They are thinking about it! And whatever gets your focus gets you. James tells us that “sin when it is fully grown brings forth death” James 1:15 Don’t just resist; replace. Change the channel. Refocus. In the words of Thomas Chalmers, it is “the expulsive power of a new affection” that turns your mind away from the things that the Devil wants you to focus on to the things that God wants you to focus on.

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## FEATURE

### JAMES AND CYNTHIA HODGE AND THEIR UNIQUE MINISTRY METHOD.

Trucking for the Word of God Ministry's founder, James Hodge and his wife, Cynthia know that nothing happens without God. We all should know we can't and don't do anything without Him. They realized that God is with us in every step, thought, hope, dream, and desire that each of us has. Their journey began with James' testimony. His story could apply to you, me, a family member, a friend, a co-worker, someone rich or poor. He ran from God until he could not run anymore. Conviction brought him to his knees and God showed him his calling to reach out to others. He wondered where all the people were he was supposed to reach. Being a truck driver for over 30 years and away from his home and family, it suddenly came to him that he should reach drivers and their families that he met while travelling across the United States. Many drivers are forgotten, taken for granted, and feel unappreciated. God is often far from their mind. Their ministry's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and help bring people closer to Christ. They also encourage people to open their Bibles and spend time in the word of God. They go wherever God leads them and strive to be a blessing to everyone they meet, letting their light shine and sharing what God has done through their trucking ministry.

Support for the ministry is through sponsorships for fuel costs and daily living expenses. They provide fellowship and appreciation days to truckers with food, drink, and entertainment on the road. Their truck will be entered in truck shows like the Mid-Atlantic Truck Show held each year in Louisville and others to introduce people to their ministry.







From the photos of the trailer, it's not hard to see how inspiring the Bible stories and patriotic graphics are for people in the trucking community. If you visit a truck show in your area, see if this trailer is part of the show and say hello! You can also follow their Facebook page, @truckingforthewordofGod. To contact them directly, email [truckingforthewordofGod@gmail.com](mailto:truckingforthewordofGod@gmail.com). AND, if you enjoy truck calendars, the Gear Jammer Magazine 2023 catalog features their trailer for the month of July. Visit the Gear Jammer website to get your copy.



Left: Pastor Joe Gill with James & Cynthia Hodge, receiving their ministry license.  
Top: Patriotic side of trailer  
Above: front of trailer

# TruckStruck

By Lynn Bolster

## GET IT BACK, PART 1

We all know if the wheels aren't turning, we aren't earning so many drivers have side hustles. We had several but the one wild card we had was doing repo work. We ain't playin' if you ain't payin'!

Melvin was a driver who had several trucks running for him. He had a big ego, drove a Cadillac, wore a wacky straw hat on hot days and carried a big wad of bills in his pocket. He needed a flatbed for his fleet so he bought one from us. Payments started out in a timely fashion by check but sputtered quickly. Each Friday he would come to the truck yard, pull out the wad and pay his drivers in cash. Bill would wait in the group expecting his trailer payment, but Melvin would fold up the wad, tuck it back in his pocket and not acknowledge Bill. This irked Bill beyond measure until one day karma struck. On this day, the yard dog was circling the group. Melvin stood with his foot crossed with the zipper on his boot open, exposing his skin. The dog walked over, looked up at Melvin, lifted his leg and peed right into his boot. We all went into hysterics knowing this was true street justice!

Melvin's payments became more sporadic so we got an attorney. A few letters later brought no relief so it put us on the repo path. We had done several repos for others, but not often on our own equipment. We scoured most of the Baltimore city truck yards and asked our fellow junk guys if they knew where this trailer was stashed. Melvin retained his own lawyer. He gave him copies of checks he had written us but wrote things like 'paid in full', or 'second to last payment' in the memo section of the copies. When the lawyer saw the actual original bank checks with no such notations, he realized Melvin was falsifying documents and dropped him pronto.

We eventually found the hidden trailer and put our pin lock on it. We hightailed it down to the precinct for police assistance during the repo. It was just like in the movies - we walked up the marble steps to enter the inner sanctum, looked up at the officer who sat greatly above us between two huge light fixtures on either side and asked for help. I felt like I was facing the great wizard. He promptly told us to go outside to the payphone and call 911. Say what? We are looking you in the eye and we have to call this in from a street payphone? Apparently our request had to be recorded through central dispatch before staff could be sent out. So back out front we went, called 911 and went over to the trailer.

When the officers arrived, we explained our tale handing them the title showing ownership. After checking the VIN and other associated markings, the okay was given to yank her out. With that, Melvin's Cadillac appeared, someone had tipped him off. He angrily marched over demanding to know why we were messing with 'his' trailer. The cops explained as Bill's fists clenched. He wanted to slug him with all his might but didn't want to spend the night in lockup. Melvin responded, "I tried to give him the money but he wouldn't take it." Run that by us again? As words went back and forth, Melvin's expression became more depleted with each lie he told. The cop told him he must release the trailer to Bill as the rightful owner and no refunds. Melvin replied, "how can you do that when I have the title?" We all had puzzled looks. The officer told him to produce the title. When Melvin asked for time to go home and get it, the cop said, "that's going to be hard for you to do since I have it my pocket" and pulled it out. With that Melvin knew he had been had and stepped aside to allow us to hook up and drag it out.

Another time while waiting to load at a factory, we wandered into a building and lo and behold there was a truck of ours that we had been searching for. More on this repo adventure in Get It Back Part 2 next month – stay tuned!

Our repo work involved vicious dogs, working in the shadiest of neighborhoods, hunting down chop shops while keeping our ears to the ground for any info we learned that could be used to find missing items later. As adventurer Bear Grylls says, you have to become a Ninja at dealing with risk. Repo work isn't for the faint of heart. The risks are great, but the rush that comes when you get it back is mighty. No risk no reward!



Lynn Bolster loves anything to do with trucks and has been active in the trucking industry since the 1980s. She drove over the road for 12 years with her now deceased partner of 22 years, Bill. She has her Bachelor's degree in Journalism and a Master's degree in Recreational and Leisure Studies Management with a focus on health and fitness. Her Master's thesis was: "The Recreational Pursuits and Health Habits of Long Distance Truckers." She has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today* and has written for various trucking industry publications. She was the sales manager covering three truck stops for several years. Lynn is on the Board of Directors for TFC Global.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Ministry continues to grow under the direction of our regional leader, Francis Chipukunya. His team is pictured below with their new vests and hats to increase their safety as they interact with the long lines of trucks at the border crossings. Chaplains are being trained using the Chaplains International material that has been adapted for the Malawi culture and needs. TFC Global Malawi is being registered as an independent branch of TFC Global under the advice of a local attorney. This process will allow better fund transfers with local banks allowing more money to reach the ministry. Pray for the ministry zones in Lunzu, Zalewa, Mwanza, Biri-wiri, and Mchinji. Pray for funds to purchase a van for more efficient transportation to and from the ministry locations. If you would like to support TFC Global Malawi, visit our website at [TFCGlobal.org/give](http://TFCGlobal.org/give) and designate your gift to International Ministries and Malawi.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Ministry continues to grow under the direction of our regional leader, Dr. Norbert Mbwiliza. His team is pictured below with their new vests. New initiatives in Mwanza (photo top left) and Burundi (top right) have been started with ministry leaders trained by Dr. Norbert. Over 200 people have come to know Christ through the ministry of this team. Pray for funds to send Bibles as well as funds for bicycles.





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## The Blue Print for Combatting and Ending Sex Trafficking

Over the past two decades the issue of sex trafficking has been brought increasingly into the light. In 2000, when the “Trafficking Victims Protection Act” was first passed, there were only a handful of agencies/non-profits combatting human trafficking in the United States. Today there are nearly 2,500; with new anti-sex trafficking organizations being formed every year. Many states and local jurisdictions have formed anti-sex trafficking task forces and coalitions, which provide synergy between law enforcement, social service providers, and the community to fight the crime and care for victims. It is certainly good news that within the past 20 years we have seen such a tremendous increase in awareness, training and resources combatting sex trafficking.

However, despite this greater awareness and activity, the crime of sex trafficking continues to increase in the United States and around the world. This begs the question as to why? Why have increased efforts to fight sex trafficking, not resulted in diminishing the problem? Why does sex trafficking continue to trend in the wrong direction? There are certainly no easy answers. Sex trafficking continues to increase is the result of several complex factors, and one can certainly get lost in the weeds trying to figure it out.

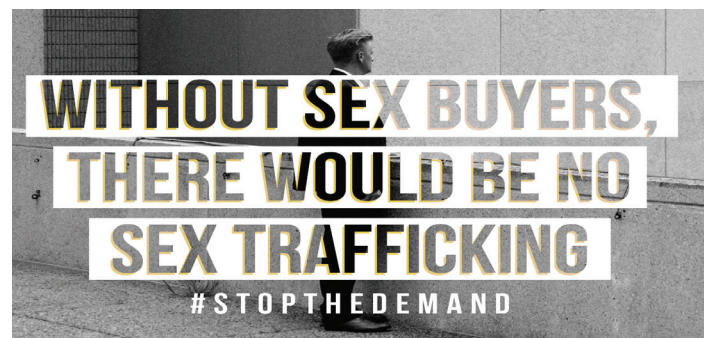
Thankfully God did not leave us in the dark to figure it out on our own. Instead, God has given us a viable blueprint to effectively combat and end sex trafficking in His Word. The blue print is found in Isaiah 1:16-17:

“Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong” (16). Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow” (17).

How brilliant and convicting. God’s command in verse 16 is a call to complete purity of mind, body and spirit. Then and only then can societies effectively do what verse 17 says which is “seek justice, defend the oppressed,” and so on.

So what can we do to effectively diminish the crime of sex trafficking in our communities and society? According to God’s word in Isaiah we must first heed verse 16 and commit to sexual health and purity, both as individuals and as a larger community. Specifically people must break free from pornography and soliciting prostitution, or any other unwanted sexual behavior. As communities we need to make it easier and more accessible for people to do this. Once this happens, then verse 17 will come to fruition, and we will see better results in fighting sex trafficking.

Isaiah 1:16-17 are the mission verses of the Gateway to Freedom Foundation. We are committed to helping individuals and communities prioritize sexual health and purity, and therefore put sex trafficking out of business.



# TFC GLOBAL: FIGHTING THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE AND LIVES OF THE PEOPLE IN THE TRUCKING COMMUNITY

Why is the development of a chaplaincy program to the trucking community that includes caring for the needs of our professional drivers and their families so important?



*Physical care because:*

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- \* High levels of stress can cause the following: increased anxiety, extremely high blood pressure.

*Spiritual care because:*

- \* There is an openness to faith topics when traveling
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- \* Religion is often related to greater marital satisfaction



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TFC Global also offers additional programs for the trucking community and corporate environment.

- \* Celebrate Recovery Step meetings helpful in overcoming addictive behavior
- \* Human Trafficking Awareness training under the Gateway to Freedom Foundation's direction
- \* Pornography addiction intensive through a weekend retreat
- \* International Christian Trucking Association (ICTA) meetings available for networking
- \* Talk & Prayer (TAP) meetings available for women passionate about the trucking community

*Would you consider hosting an ICTA or TAP event at your church or company? Would you also think about inviting speakers to your church, school, company orientation, young men/women's groups? For more information, contact us at [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org)*



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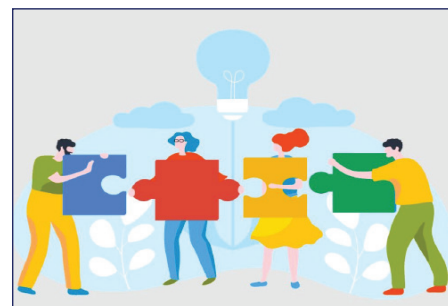
# TFC GLOBAL NEEDS YOU START A CHAPTER WHEREVER YOU ARE

Do you have a heart for the professional drivers who travel our highways and for the trucking industry? Have you ever wondered how you or your church might partner together with TFC Global strategically for the cause of Christ in your area? Maybe TFC Global has had an impact on your life by leading you to the Lord or has been a source of discipleship while on the road as a new believer. Maybe you have family members who are in the trucking industry. Here is a great way you can help.

Apply to TFC Global to start a **REGIONAL CHAPTER**. A chapter is a group of people meeting together regularly with the purpose of supporting the ministry of TFC Global financially and in prayer. Many individuals and small groups across North America have shown an interest in and support for the ministry of TFC Global but feel they have no opportunity to become more directly involved in the ministry. TFC Global regional chapters can form and function anywhere people are interested in ministry. These chapters help raise support for this ministry to help us establish a chaplain's potential impact, and they work with a staff chaplain to support that chaplain's ministry or the ministry in general. They help fight human trafficking through our Gateway To Freedom Foundation, and help drivers battle addictions such as pornography and alcoholism. They provide money for the day-to-day operations of TFC Global.

TFC Global chapters are committed to being a tool for God's provisions to His ministry through such things as upholding TFC Global in prayer, providing ministry to local drivers, volunteering at a local TFC Global ministry center, passing out TFC Global materials to trucking companies, holding fundraising events or anything else that helps promote and support the ministry of TFC Global locally, nationally and Internationally.

Regional chapters can also help raise funds for our International Ministries outreach. There is an urgent need to share the gospel with thousands of ethnic groups who have never heard it. Roman 15:20 "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation. I Cor. 15:34 "Awake to righteousness, for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." You can make a difference. Join us in this important work.



***JOIN ICTA: BECOME PART OF A  
COMMUNITY THAT LOVES THE LORD  
AND SUPPORTS EACH OTHER.***



TFC Global has become increasingly aware that our brothers and sisters in Christ who are commercial drivers and those who are part of the trucking industry, along with their families, have a strong need and desire to build biblical community among their peers. In today's current environment, it's not unusual for new drivers that work for the same company to not ever speak to any other drivers at the company. There's no time for a friendly smile, helping a fellow trucker or motorist in need. It's a thing of the past. The International Christian Trucking Association (ICTA) wants to change this. We want to bring back the sense of brotherhood among the Christian drivers in the way we corporately come together to battle the issues of human trafficking, chemical and physical addiction, depression, as well as divorce and marriage issues. At TFC Global, some of our locations host monthly breakfasts to talk about what's happening in the trucking community. Our desire is to connect commercial drivers, retired professional drivers, trucking company owners, and other Christian trucking-related individuals in supporting and encouraging one another. I once had a commercial driver tell me that he did not go to college so the trucking community was his fraternity. If there is going to be a movement of God in the trucking industry, it will begin with the Christian drivers and owners coming together to pray for this industry.

For more information on membership, visit our website at [www.TFCGlobal.org](http://www.TFCGlobal.org) and click on the ICTA section of the home page. Scan the QR code to give a financial gift in support of the ICTA and its mission.





# Chaplain's Corner

By Craig Maart



## WORD OF MOUTH

We all know personal connections are an essential part of life. The saying is true, "It's not what you know, it's who you know".

As I look at the landscape of the trucking industry and have conversations with drivers and trucking company management, I hear the plea for help more than ever. I don't mean a plea for workers, although that is also needed. I am talking about personal pleas for help with making sense of life. The reasons America is apparently divided are many and one could easily argue this apparent division is by design. It's good for some businesses to create conflict. The reality is life after Covid is still settling. Things are not as firm to settle into as they used to be. There is more uncertainty than ever. As a result the consequences on people's lives have been devastating. This is especially true in the trucking community where people typically spend more time in isolation as part of their job.

Therefore, the need for chaplains has increased greatly. Everyone I talk to about chaplaincy to the trucking community realizes how important it is. The trucking community needs chaplain's care and spiritual guidance to the transforming message of the gospel of Jesus.



This is where you come in. You know people. We need chaplains. You, or someone you may know, could make a great chaplain. We are seeking to bring in men called by God to serve in a ministry of presence and to do something to care for the spiritual needs of the trucking community. We are seeking those who feel called by God to become a chaplain.

Therefore, if you, or someone you may know, senses a calling of God to pursue chaplaincy, contact me at [craigm@tfcglobal.org](mailto:craigm@tfcglobal.org). If you can

see yourself serving in a ministry of presence with people, praying with people, providing Bible based counseling, providing resources and sharing the gospel, than you need to contact me. Being a chaplain is rewarding. Difficult, but like most difficult things, very rewarding. Check out the photo above from our last Chaplain Training Institute.

For more information, go to [tfcglobal.org](http://tfcglobal.org) and click on the employment tab. There you will be able to see information on TFC Global, the position description, chaplain qualifications, responsibilities and skills needed to be a chaplain and the application process. Look these over and help us by send this to qualified people you know or give me a call yourself and let's talk. Heaven and hell for eternity hangs in the balance for everyone, therefore we need courageous men who will embrace this adventure with us.

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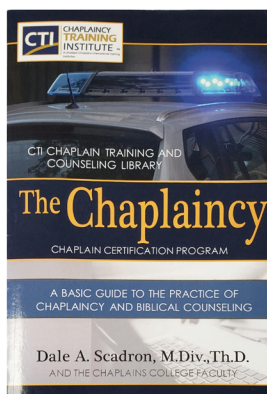


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Course cost of \$400 is all-inclusive: application fee, training manual, in-person training, lodging, meals at the training facility, and processing to become credentialed with Chaplains International and their network of chaplains. Those seeking to serve with TFC Global will have additional orientation training.

**SIGN UP TODAY! Next class is May 7-11, 2023.**





# *Trucking with Women in Mind*

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

## **Women in Trucking Advisory Board**

For over fifteen years the Women In Trucking Association has worked hard to advance our mission to encourage the employment of women, address obstacles and celebrate success. This goal to increase the percentage of women working in transportation jobs remains constant.

We are a trade/professional organization and are supported by our members who join the association by paying dues. We don't receive government support or grants to further our mission. However, in July of 2019 we were very excited to be contacted by Senator Jerry Moran's office (R-KS) to offer regulatory support for our mission. We were thrilled to have this attention from the government, and we worked with Senator Moran's office to write a bill to create legislation modeled after one the Senator has introduced in the aviation industry. We called it the Promoting Women in Trucking Workforce Act. The bill included specific groups to be represented, including a large carrier, smaller carrier, professional driver, and training facility. We continued to revise and edit the language to create legislation that would be embraced by anyone supporting our mission to increase the ranks of women in the trucking industry.

Senator Moran needed a Democrat to co-sign the bill to create a bipartisan bill. I reached out to my Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin who has been supportive of issues concerning jobs and gender equity in the past. She agreed to co-sign, and the bill was ready for the Senate and was introduced as S.2858 in November of 2019. I reached out to my Congressman, Mike Gallagher (R-WI) who had taken a ride with one of our female drivers to better understand the industry, and he agreed to introduce the bill in the house of representatives, and H.R. 5145 became a reality. The need to obtain industry support was the next goal, so I reached out to our members for their input. Every carrier and transportation association I approached readily agreed to provide the needed support and wrote letters of recommendation to the bill's originators.

Our elected officials have an overwhelming number of bills to review and to determine if they would approve or deny each bill according to their own and their constituents' needs. We didn't experience any push back and the support had a broad appeal. Trucking jobs are still prevalent, and women are still in the minority of truck and bus drivers. We were ready to move the bills forward in both the House and the Senate, but the challenge was to find a way to bring it to a vote in both legislative chambers. In June of 2021 the bill was introduced in the Surface Transportation Investment Act. Although the House passed their version the reported \$1.5 trillion package did not make it through the senate.

The Promoting Women in Trucking Workforce Act was inserted in the Infrastructure Bill which received bipartisan support in the fall of 2021 and President Biden signed the legislation into law on November 16th. We were thrilled to finally have industry and government assistance in furthering our mission. In February of this year Secretary Pete Buttigieg authorized the Department of Transportation to move forward and three years of hard work in creating this bill was realized. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announced a call for nominations in March of this year.

Specific groups were named in the legislation to ensure representation from organizations that would represent various size groups that would allow different voices to be heard. On August 29th the sixteen members were announced for this two-year appointment. The group was called the "Women of Trucking Advisory Board," (WOTAB). The Women In Trucking Association is proud to have initiated and advanced this legislation. We look forward to increasing the number of groups that are supporting our efforts to bring more women into the trucking industry.

This has been our goal and our passion for over fifteen years. We will continue to create a more gender diverse industry and to advance our mission to encourage the employment of women in trucking, address obstacles and celebrate the success of our members. It will be nice to have some help and support through the WOTAB group.



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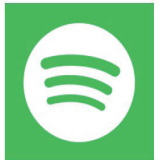
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# Walk the Walk

By Mike McGough

## LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

***“Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” Matthew 19:21 NLT***

It's the last remaining building from a family farm that stood between two small Pennsylvania hamlets, for as long as anyone living could recall. The original farmstead dates back to the early 1890s. It's a rather small structure as barns go, but it's a major landmark for the locals. Grace, a not-very-distant relative of the original owners still owns it. For years she's maintained the barn more out of a sense of family legacy than anything else. Decades ago, she had the Mail Pouch Tobacco advertisement repainted on the barn's west side, and she had a new cedar shingle roof put on the building.

Over the last fifty or so years, what started as a small garden at her house developed into much large gardens around the barn. As her gardens grew in size, she quickly ended up with more harvest than she could possibly use fresh or preserve for winter use. As a child her Great Uncle, an avid gardener himself, told her that if you waste something from a garden, your harvest the next year will not be as great. Whether that's really true or not, she's always gardened and shared by that very admonition.

For several years, she just put the excess from her gardens on a table in front of the barn. Passers-by could take what they wanted. There was no jar or can for donations. Nonetheless, she frequently found money tucked under a squash or neatly folded under the edge of a basket of tomatoes. She put that money toward her gardens for the next year. When the high school FFA Club volunteered to help, she expanded the gardens. She had work done on the barn. She also had some tables built, so she could offer more to folks who stopped by. As she shared with a friend, “This barn is coming to life again!” When a local church did a remodeling project, the pastor offered her some more tables and shelves. That's when this little family legacy gardening project took on an entirely new dimension. The produce from the gardens didn't fill all of the tables and shelves, so she put out some clothes and shoes she no longer wore.

She'd open the doors to the barn around 6:00 AM the day after she put out the clothes and shoes, then she went into town for breakfast. When she returned, she saw two buckets of tomatoes and a sack of apples, that had been left. Two pairs of shoes were gone, and there were several children's coats added to the clothes shelves. She fashioned a small sign out of some barn planks that may well have been left over from the original construction. The sign read: Take what you need—leave what you can. Her little family legacy project was becoming a growing community service endeavor.

When recently asked about the barn, she described it this way. “You know it's kind of like those little book drops that people put out. You can take a book, and you can leave a book. No one buys anything. No one leaves more than the book hutches can hold, but they never seem to be empty. It just kind of manages itself, because of the good people involved.” On a Thanksgiving morning a few years ago, two of her great-great-granddaughters came to pick her up. They didn't tell her why, but as they approached the barn it was obvious. Cars and trucks lined both sides of the road, police were directing traffic, the high school band was there, and the mayors of both towns were on hand. Hanging above the barn doors was something under a sheet.

The mayors recognized her commitment to the barn and her communities over the past 50-plus years. They spoke of her unfailing efforts to maintain a family legacy that has graced them all. With five generations of her family on hand, she was asked to pull a rope connected to the sheet covering what was hanging above the doors. When she did, there was a sign, painted on some of the same barn planks she used to make her sign about taking and giving. It read: THE GRACE BARN. As the sheet fell, the high school band played Amazing Grace, and those in attendance sang along. This event was a fitting celebration for a Thanksgiving morning. Those two towns did indeed have something, someone, for which to be thankful—Grace Kegg. Grace and her barn offer a powerful life lesson. When you have the grace to start something purposeful, something unselfish, something that makes the world just a little better, there's no telling what it may turn into! What are you doing to make your world just a little better?

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





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Transportation is a key element in the emergency relocation process. There are many instances when a survivor escapes or is rescued from a life of pain and abuse, but the window available to safely relocate a survivor is very small. WOW provides aviation relocation services to ensure the survivor is transported to a safe house as fast as possible. In this way, WOW provides a unique service that eliminates many of the obstacles that prevent a survivor from being freed from their situation. We coordinate relocations with the safety of the survivor in mind so it is fast, easy, and low stress.

Wings of the Way also engages in awareness and advocacy to help communities understand more about trafficking. In addition to awareness and advocacy, WOW provides personnel and support to our partnering organizations. This support includes administration, aircraft maintenance, and pilot or development services.

Wings of the Way's purpose is to come alongside hurting and broken people to proclaim the hope of Jesus through acts of service, support and love.

*To learn more about this organization, visit their website at [www.wingsoftheway.org](http://www.wingsoftheway.org).*

# The Chosen: An Internet Success

By Brad Huddleston

Because I deal so much with the negative side of technology, I think people sometimes wonder if I believe there is anything good about the Internet. So I can understand why some might think I'm down on technology.

But I'm not.

I admit I deal so much with the dark side of technology because most people, including the majority of Christians, tend to drift into the murky waters of pornography, video games, and social media addiction, to name a few. Nevertheless, there are tremendous blessings on the internet as well. For example, on November 22, 2022, the online conservative newspaper, the Washington Examiner, ran the headline, "The Chosen Shocks Box Office with No. 3 Open." In case you're not familiar, The Chosen is a multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. So how do the first two episodes of a series on the life of Jesus gross almost 9 million dollars in one weekend in the US alone?

If Hollywood had its way, a series on the Savior of the World would not see the light of day. But the Internet has gone around Hollywood. The Chosen has been made possible by crowdfunding. In case you're unfamiliar, internet crowdfunding is a way to fund a project, venture, or product by raising small amounts of money from many people who believe in the cause. As it turns out, 16,000 people invested \$11 million for season one, which is the most successful crowd-funded campaign in history.

Despite its cynicism, the left-wing New York Times admitted the venture's success in its head headline, "Jesus Christ, Streaming Star: The Chosen, a TV series about the life of Jesus, pulls off a crowd-funded miracle: a hit with a Christian fan base that is breaking into the mainstream."

It was Jesus who said, "For where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

In a world seemingly dominated by and funded to support the LGBTQIA2S+ movement, The Chosen has clearly shown that all is not as it appears. By going around traditional film-making methods, a vast segment of the population has demonstrated what they stand for and believe in. Not only has the hit series generated income from a loyal following, but the series is also made available, via the internet, for free. You can download and watch, at no cost, The Chosen app on both the Google Play store and Apple's app store. You can also watch at no charge at angel.com, and seasons one and two are available on some paid streaming services such as Amazon Prime, Peacock, and VidAngel.

So, why is The Chosen so popular? I think Rusty White said it best in an opinion piece in the Washington Examiner titled "Why is The Chosen, a Show About Jesus, So Popular?":

"Surprised by The Chosen series' popularity, I decided to check it out. The episodes portray Jesus's life with believable dialogue and characters whose genuine, heartfelt emotions — pain, confusion, fear, exhilaration, contentment, awe — help viewers relate these stories to their own struggles and joys." While the Internet can be a huge blessing, I still have to remind you of the countless evil land mines on the Internet. Therefore, my advice is to be intentional by deciding in advance what you will do and how long you will stay on the Internet. In other words, visit the Internet, not live there.

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