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Meet Larry and Angela Baum from Married 2 the Road. Their super sleeper is luxury on wheels.

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# A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD?

God can make a difference in our lives by changing our hearts. As God changes our hearts, He begins to work powerfully in our lives. Notice that in both steps, God is the One who does the heavy lifting. He has been making a difference through all of history. He desires to change the world more than you ever will. The good news is that He uses us to make a difference.



God uses His people to bring His will “on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt. 6:10). We’re here to tell others about Jesus and to lead the people around us to see the incalculable worth of our God. That task seems huge! How do we do it? It happens as we connect with God and live according to His purpose.

As we move into the world to make a difference, how do we stay connected to this history-shaping, world-changing God? The answer is so simple that it may surprise you: read the Bible. The God who changed our hearts from the old man we were without Christ to the new creation we are in Him, continues to change our hearts through His Word.

God has given His Scriptures to His people so that they can know Him. The Bible is a perfect testimony of who God is and what He’s like. It “is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16). Through His Word God has given us “everything required for life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3).

We don’t read the Bible as merely a religious exercise. We read the Bible because we believe it will change our lives.

To be difference-makers, first and foremost we have to understand and believe that the power to make a difference isn’t found in us; it’s found in God. He makes a difference in us as we read His Word and apply it to our lives. Scripture has unique power because it communicates God’s thoughts to us. It tells us how we’re to relate to Him. Scripture has an authority we don’t have. Going to the Bible puts us in contact with God. When we read the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, encourages us in our pursuit of the Lord, and changes us from the inside out. If we don’t listen to God through His Word, we won’t be the kind of people who make a difference. We will simply feel lost, confused, and alone in a very dark world.

There’s nothing magical about setting a time and a place to read God’s Word, but it’s essential to make time for the priorities that are important to us. If we want to know God better, we need to make time to listen to Him through His Word. In our attempts to leave a history-changing, difference-making, life-giving, Spirit-empowered legacy, we must start here. If we don’t have the Word of God, we have nothing, and our attempts to make a difference will end in failure because we’ll be striving in our own strength instead of being transformed by God’s work in our lives. Transformation happens as we read God’s Word and commit to doing what it says. We should submit to it. We should believe it. We should memorize it. We should meditate on it. We should come to know it so well that it permeates our hearts and minds.

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## **LARRY & ANGELA BAUM ARE MARRIED 2 THE ROAD**



The Baums are a married team of truck drivers who have a huge social media following where they share the ups and downs of being on the road together.

Larry started in the trucking industry in California almost eighteen years ago. Shortly after he met Angela, nine years ago, they were married. From Angela's perspective, she wanted to find a way for them to be together during the long hours and schedule of a driver. Larry suggested that she get her commercial driver's license and join him, becoming an over-the-road driver.

At that point their kids were all adults and the idea of traveling the country and seeing other states was appealing. Other than going to Florida once, Angela had never seen many of the states. She made the decision, got her CDL and joined Larry out on the road.





People have been so interested in their lives as drivers and as a couple. They decided it would be fun to share their journey online with anyone who would follow them and watch their videos. That is how the name "Married 2 The Road" came to be, because they are literally married to the road. Together they have driving experience on reefers (refrigerated trailer), dry vans (fully-enclosed trailer), doubles and triples. In addition, they also currently hold tanker, doubles and triples, haz-mat (hazardous material) and Department of Defense clearances.

Currently, they are in the process of selling their home in Illinois. This decision came about after the purchase of a 180" Volvo Super-sleeper (see photos) and the realization that they are staying on the road months at a time. Their truck has all the comforts of home -- shower, toilet, and kitchen with a two-burner stove, microwave/convection oven, large refrigerator, freezer, and sink.



This allows them to really explore our great country on their down times. They tend to grab Ubers and go site-seeing on their thirty-four hour reset, allowing them to build great memories while on the road. Two of their sons are part of the Air Force, stationed in Florida and Arizona. This lifestyle allows them to see their kids and grandkids often without having to pay for airfare.





# PRESS RELEASE

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## TRUCKERSFINALMILE BECOMES AFFILIATE PARTNER WITH TFC GLOBAL

This will now allow the combined ministries to have a stronger, more far-reaching impact, in serving the growing needs of the trucking community.

Truckersfinalmile and TFC Global announced today that the organizations have entered into a strategic partnership that will strengthen each other's ability to care for the trucking community, allowing them to meet the physical, spiritual, and behavioral needs of the professional driver, their families, and those involved in trucking-related industries. The partnership gives truckersfinalmile the support staff it lacked, with founder and president Robert Palm carrying much of the operational load for truckersfinalmile on his own shoulders. For TFC Global, the partnership brings a stronger, more focused charity outreach to be a part of where they can see real impact taking place in the trucking community.

The agreement brings together the work truckersfinalmile is doing to assist families who have lost loved ones on the road with the chaplaincy work TFC Global is doing through its Corporate Chaplains Network program. This program meets the needs of the trucking community by providing spiritual care and counseling help for depression, marriage and family issues, addictions, suicide, work-related issues, mental health issues, and loss of a spouse or family member. They also provide human trafficking awareness programs to shed light on a growing problem in our culture today.

"This affiliate partnership with TFC Global will strengthen truckersfinalmile's position as a vital resource for the individual truck driver and his or her family when tragedy strikes. Continuing as an independent organization, truckersfinalmile will have access to TFC Global's seventy-three-year established structure and experienced personnel, as well as new funding avenues for our strategic plan's current operating programs. As founder of truckersfinalmile, I am both honored and humbled to be able to join the TFC Global family and work to assure the mutual success of our missions."

–Robert Palm / Founder and CEO, truckersfinalmile

"This partnership made sense because we were already acting as the chaplaincy arm of truckersfinalmile working with families who have experienced a loss of a loved one while on the road. I first met Robert on a cold wet day at White's Truck Stop in Raphine, Virginia. I was so taken by his dedication that I wanted us to find some way to be a part of his work. Robert, through the years, has been "all by himself," in this endeavor. He has shared with me that he wants to create a legacy for his organization. With his direction and our organizational capacity, we can help make that happen." –Ron Fraser / President and CEO, TFC Global

"Our corporate sponsorship with truckersfinalmile aligns with our 'for truckers, by truckers' approach to serving the community. Truckersfinalmile provides support and care when truckers and their families need it most, and RoadEx is proud to expand the organization's reach through our financial contribution," said Deep Dhillon, chairperson at RoadEx. RoadEx is a one-stop shop for many important services that truckers need. "Truckersfinalmile has established an incredible track record of helping truckers across the country. We hope RoadEx's commitment to the organization inspires others to give to their mission," said Goldy Dhillon, CEO at Dhillon Holdings LLC.



## WHAT IS TRUCKERSFINALMILE?

TFC Global has a licensed and credentials chaplaincy program that we provide to trucking companies and trucking-related organizations. Recently we have also started a casualty and loss program that we can now offer our companies as part of our chaplaincy program through our new affiliate, Truckersfinalmile. Truckersfinalmile is a leading charity serving the trucking industry throughout North America. They have a distinct mission to reunite North American truck drivers and their families in times of crisis. There are several programs that are part of this organization from transporting a driver's remains home, transportation for a severely injured driver to his home for rehabilitation, and the provision of home improvements for handicap adaptation like ramps and hallway widening for permanent disabling injury. The charity also runs a Sleigh Bells & Santa campaign to make sure that children of truck drivers that have passed away on the road are able to receive Christmas presents the first year without their parent(s).

To fund this program, founder Robert Palm has wrapped his truck called the American Heritage Memorial with a road of bricks and is selling them to families who have lost a driver. Each brick can be customized with the driver's name and other information such as military branch and rank, CB handle, nickname, etc. Sales for these bricks go directly to funding the overwhelming need for truckersfinalmile's services. Check out [www.truckersfinalmile.org](http://www.truckersfinalmile.org) for more information.

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# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

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Adriaan and Marina Fourie have been full-time missionaries in South Africa for over 27 years. Growing up on a farm gave Adriaan a first-hand view of the struggles of this type of career. After graduating from school in 1981, he became a police officer and worked in that field for 15 years. Marina and Adriaan met and were married in 1992. Marina's childhood was great preparation for the mission field by moving frequently to escape the violence and volatility of war. Her family finally settled in South Africa. The couple received a mission call in 1996 and started working to facilitate and execute many short-term trips to Mozambique. They received training through the World Mission Centre and World Outreach for about 3 years in 1998. Many sustainable mission projects have been started and supported by the Fouries. Those projects cover a variety of holistic care for the people of South Africa. They include serving in Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya, addressing poverty in South Africa, working with the Chinese community in a northern province, putting on a weekly food kitchen for Zimbabwean street children, supporting senior adults in South Africa, caring for immigrants in the local rubbish dump, and most recently, scheduling short-term trips to minister to truck drivers on the border between South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Their ministry to drivers came about after a request to help the heavy vehicle transport industry. Adriaan and Marina found out the many challenges facing this group of people as well as the limited attention being given to them. Xenophobic attacks (country/ethnic prejudice), jacking and looting, prostitution, disease, family dysfunction, long (14-hour) work days, and inexperienced drivers make up some of the challenges facing this community. After seeking the guidance of God and God-fearing mentors, they started the Southern Africa Truckers Ministry. The ministry has a board of directors and seeks to establish an independent network of ministries that can support these drivers and their families.

Southern Africa Truckers Ministry, through Adriaan and Marina Fourie, is sharing their need with many transport companies and churches and wants everyone to pray for the following:

- that they would lean into the Holy Spirit as their Guide
- that they would receive favor when they speak with companies, management, potential field workers and churches
- that the people they speak with would obey the calling of God or the understanding of the need in support of this ministry
- that field workers would be able to find the time to do this important work
- that drivers would be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ
- that fuel companies would discount or sponsor the cost of fuel for ministry travel

For more information on the ministry of the Fouries, you can contact them using the email address and following them on Facebook @SouthernAfricaTruckersMinistry.





Over the years, while navigating the nation's roads and highways, we all start to pick up a few hacks that help make our job easier.

For example, knowing the most effective way to block the right-hand turning lane from impatient drivers while we are making our turn or what lane to be in when approaching a complicated junction.

Another one that I'm sure you have all seen, is that when driving down a busy highway as drivers check their mirrors in order to change lanes, they often make an ever-so-slight swerve toward the direction they are looking. (It can be very handy to know who is going to cut in front of us and when.)

I'm sure the reason that our actions follow our eyes is deep in our subconscious somewhere. However, there is something else that our actions follow--our beliefs. We are created to live life from the inside to the outside.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Everything? This can be quite different from the mind-centered rhetoric we hear today.

We don't have to read the Bible for this to apply to us.

It's how we are hard-wired to live.

Everything we do comes from a belief somewhere in our hearts.

Our jobs, relationships, and pursuits are all guided by what we believe.

However, just because we believe something in our hearts doesn't make it true.

Our enemy also knows the power of belief.

That's why his primary weapon has always been lies.

Believing a well-concealed lie can change the path of a person or even a nation!

How do we know if what we believe in our hearts is truth or lie?

I'm sure all of us have taken a highway or exit believing it to be the right way, only too soon to figure out that it is going the wrong direction. Trucks and hearts can both be difficult to turn around. One day, just outside Newark, New Jersey, I took the wrong exit. Intending to turn around I got off the next exit only to find it was another highway. Thirty minutes and three highways later, I was finally able to get back to my correct exit.



Just because we believe our way is right doesn't guarantee it is truth. The disciples of Jesus had no guarantee that they were going the right way. To make matters worse, Jesus didn't exactly make it easy to follow Him. However, Jesus is the way. When we truly surrender our lives to Him, we can believe that He will lead us like a shepherd leads his sheep. Then we find what is in our heart becomes the wellspring of life.

*Shawn Weaver serves as the senior pastor at ACTS Covenant Fellowship and driver for NHT Logistics.*





# Salute to a Pioneer

We are saddened to announce that TFC Global's Chairperson of the Board of Directors is retiring. Ellen Voie, the founder of Women in Trucking, has served on our board for eleven years.

Ellen began Women in Trucking in 2007 and has been the nonprofit organization's President and CEO since its inception until this year. WIT's mission is to promote gender diversity and the employment of women in the trucking industry. It also serves to remove obstacles that may hold women back from success in the transportation industry and to celebrate the achievements of its' members. Her credentials are impressive and she has certainly been an asset to our organization.

*Ellen's perspective and experience within the trucking industry has helped support the ministry work of TFC Global. In 1996 when I wrote for the trucking publication RPM Magazine, I received a letter from Ellen which I still have. She was inquiring about my graduate degree in trucker health and fitness while pursuing different avenues in her trucking future. Never did I ever think I would sit on a Board of Directors with her 25 years later! She has a heart for this industry and I am honored to know her as a kindred spirit. We have been blessed to have her at the helm and will certainly miss her!* - Lynn Bolster, Board Member

*As Ellen Voie's time as the First Woman Chairperson on the TFC Global Board of Directors draws to a close, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for her service. Board service is the toughest volunteer role, and she took on her duties with dedication, grace, and seriousness. More than her amazing ability as a leader and Chairperson to allow our team the autonomy we needed to create the organization we now have in place, I am most grateful for her active leadership as a judicious steward of our organization. She always carefully deliberated on matters before the Board, even when the decisions were difficult. It has been once said, "Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it." She is both wise and virtuous, and I am grateful she has shared those qualities with the Board and team of TFC Global. I will certainly miss working with her as a Board member, but I look forward to staying in touch for years to come.* - Ron Fraser, President/CEO TFC Global

*The quality I will remember most about Ellen is her support of me both professionally and personally. I was under an extreme amount of work-related responsibility, yet she took the time to give suggestions on how to lessen my load. In addition, she would ask what I was doing outside of work to make sure I was getting rest and being refreshed by hobbies or relaxing activities. That support speaks volumes about the value of a healthy employee in mind and body. I both needed and appreciated that deeply.* - Joanna Maart, VP Operations/Administration.

Ellen will continue to speak on trucking-related issues for Women in Trucking as well as spend time pursuing her hobby of flying and piloting her plane plus engaging with her grandchildren more often. We wish her well and are thankful for her service to our organization.

# TFC GLOBAL: FIGHTING THE SPIRITUAL 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 families so important?



*Physical care because:*

- \* Unhealthy habits due to long hours on the road
- \* Work environment is characterized by the following: physical care, erratic schedules, disrupted sleep patterns, and lack of support systems.

*Psychological/Behavioral care because:*

- \* Heavy workloads can cause the following: burnout, sexual addictions, substance abuse, diminished cognitive function
- \* High levels of stress can cause the following: premature aging, myocardial infarction, extreme fatigue

*Spiritual care because:*

- \* There is an openness to faith topics when life is difficult
- \* Religion is often used to increase physical health
- \* Religion can change one's outlook and perspective, becoming more positive, increasing purpose and focus.
- \* Religion is often related to greater marital and family stability, more productive employees, and less turnover



*TFC Global provides a comprehensive program of corporate chaplaincy services, plus the added benefit of spiritual care.*

*There are many benefits to spiritual care:*

- \* Increased coping skills
- \* Improved stability and resilience
- \* Improved ability to handle stress
- \* Reduced stress-related health issues
- \* More content and satisfied employees

*Would you like to learn more?*



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# GATEWAY TO FREEDOM FOUNDATION

## **Until All Are Free Workshop: A community action plan to combat and end 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" (TVPA) was first passed, there were only a handful of organizations combatting sex trafficking in the United States. Today there are over 2,500, with new anti-sex trafficking organizations being formed every year. This has brought about a lot of positive outcomes including: victim identification and rescue, increase in aftercare services, victim prevention education, as well as stronger criminal justice efforts to arrest and prosecute traffickers.

Despite this greater awareness and activity, the crime of sex trafficking continues to increase in the United States and around the world. But why? Why have increased efforts to fight sex trafficking not resulted in diminishing the problem? More importantly what can local communities do to turn the tide in their area, and see a better return on their investment of time and resources?

***The Until All Are Free Workshop offers a viable way forward for local communities to effectively combat and end sex trafficking.***

At the Gateway to Freedom Foundation we educate local communities on how to effectively combat and end sex trafficking in their community. The good news is that it does not involve working harder, or spending large sums of money, but working smarter. Through the Until All Are Free Workshop a multi-sector approach is offered that targets the root cause of sex trafficking. The premise is that no one person or organization can do everything, but everyone can do something. The workshop helps people and organizations identify what that something is. As a result, participants leave the workshop with a greater sense of hope and purpose in the fight against sex trafficking.

### **Until All Are Free Workshop** *A Community Action Plan to Combat Sex Trafficking*



#### **Find out more:**

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- [Gateway@tfcglobal.org](mailto:Gateway@tfcglobal.org)



The workshop is perfect for local church events, as well as company/corporate trainings. Bring the Until All Are Free Workshop to your community group. Contact the Gateway to Freedom Foundation today to learn how. Email [gateway@tfcglobal.org](mailto:gateway@tfcglobal.org) or call 717-426-9977.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



## Ministry Accomplishments:

1. Training 20 chaplains and are planning a graduation ceremony
2. Planning for the next training class of 16 potential chaplains
3. Distributed over 3,000 Bibles
4. Working on starting a sports academy for future ministry opportunities
5. Furthering ministry in a new border crossing at Songwe

## Ministry Stories:

"I am really blessed to be a public announcement for our regional director. Working with him has seen me learning a lot in the trucking industry. He has introduced me to different truckers and their bosses as well as officials from government side in different stops in Malawi. I will continue serving God through serving our director. Now I have been included into the TFC Global Malawi executive team. Praise God for this wonderful opportunity in ministry." Taonga Chimnjere

"I have been a trucker for many years and I have never met a ministry targeting us for the glory of God. The coming of this ministry has blessed me and helped me to change my way of thinking about God and His creation. I am transformed person ready to share the love of God to others. I would like to humbly request for more Bibles for me to share with my friends at our company." Godfrey Kankhomba

## Ministry Needs:

1. Monthly Amount: \$100. Need: office rental cost
2. Monthly Amount: \$50. Need: office watchman cost
3. One-time Amount: \$400. Need: training chaplains at next class
4. Monthly Amount: \$200. Need: shipping magazines and Bibles every month



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



## Ministry Accomplishments:

- Ten regions where the gospel is being shared with drivers and their families: Mwanza, Kagera, Tabora, Arusha, Manyara, Coastal, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Congo.
- 266 people in 10 regions were reached. Of those people reached, 99 committed their lives to Jesus and were given Bibles.

## Ministry Stories:

"My name is Rashidi and I am married with one child. I am grateful to God for saving me. Before I was a Mulsim. I have lived a difficult life, especially in my marriage life I have been getting money and never seen a proper use for my income. I have also been having nightmares. But, since I met God's servant Ev Jackson and he preached to me, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior of my life. Then he has been teaching me how to pray and since then I enjoy the life of salvation and soon I will be baptized." - Rashidi

"My name is Gerald, married with one child. I have been a truck driver for some years. There is many challenges which face us due to how we spend much time out of our family. We face challenges of women at stations, but I thank God since I got my Savior of my life. It been easy for me to protect from prostitution." - Gerald

## Ministry Needs:

1. Monthly Amount: \$100. Need: Office rental cost
2. Monthly Amount: \$20. Need: Reliable internet service
3. Amount: \$150. Need: Modem for internet service





# Chaplain's Corner

By Craig Maart



## Meet Mark Moad

Truck drivers are some of the most generous people I have met. It would be a benefit to everyone to spend some time with a truck driver and see the human side of the person who chooses the thrill, frustration, and responsibility of driving those 80,000-pound rigs. Too many see trucks as one more obstacle to work around in their busy life.

This year at MATS in Louisville, I spent a few days with some new friends who drive big rigs. One of these men is Robert Palm who leads Truckersfinalmile, our new ministry partner. Robert, Taylor Barker with his band, Travis Pope Sr. and others showed how caring and generous truck drivers are. Underneath the rugged exterior with worn-in boots, fabulous beards, and calloused hands are hearts of gold. It wasn't a surprise to observe an unspoken, yet tightly-held brotherhood. Taylor gave a specific example of seeing Robert Palm giving of his own money, when the money donated to Truckersfinalmile was used up. You could see on their faces the level of respect and honor they have for each other. The phrase, "if you ever need anything, let me know" was common; you know they meant it. You could see it in how they treated people.

One more example of a generous driver who made a lifelong impact needs to be told. My friend Mark Moad, from Hornerstown, PA, told me about one of the first and most significant times he felt the love of Jesus. In 1972, Mark, who was 15 at the time, was kicked out of his house. He had an abusive father, and his mother pushed him out to protect him from his father. Mark found himself sitting in a culvert on the side of a dark country road at 2:00 am. Mark was sitting there all alone and freshly processing the hurt of being kicked out of his house, not knowing what to do. Enter Larry Shumbach, a truck driver returning home after being out on the road. Larry proudly drove his cabover across the country.

The unmistakable sound of semi-truck brakes squealing, hollering, and hopping as smoke rolled off the tires broke the sound of silence that night somewhere in the countryside in Beaver Springs, PA. Larry slammed on his brakes after he saw this young man sitting there. After a few attempts at figuring out the situation, Larry called out, "What are you doing out here?". "Leave me alone," Mark responded. "You hungry?" Larry yelled over the sound of the diesel motor. "Yes," Mark yelled back. "Well, come on. Get in," Larry replied. Mark reluctantly got in the cab. About 200 yards down the road Larry pulled the rig onto his property, parked the truck, and took Mark to the house. Larry woke his wife and said "We have a guest." Just after 2 am, Jean, Larry's wife cooked a breakfast fit for a king, eggs, pancakes and every kind of breakfast meat known to man. Mark ate like it was Thanksgiving.

"You got a place to stay?" Larry asked. "No," responded Mark. "Well, why don't you try out that couch tonight?" Larry offered. Jean got some bedding and put it on the couch. Mark slept there not just that night but kept coming back to the people who reached out to him for the first time with the love of God. Mark said, "They were so kind, warm, and safe." He hadn't felt that in years. Larry and Jean Shumbach acted like his adoptive parents. That night started a relationship that has lasted over 51 years. Larry could have driven right by Mark and gone up to bed. But, because he stopped, Mark felt the love of God through this Christian couple. Mark eventually was so overcome with the love of Jesus that he prayed to confess his sin and receive God's gift of salvation. Today Mark is mostly retired from the HVAC world and is one of the most Godly and generous men I have ever met. There is no doubt, listening to him talk, that God, through Larry and Jean, gave him not only a second chance but the opportunity to work hard, build a business, be married for 46 years, and raise four kids. Larry and Jean influenced a man to be generous because God gave everything to him. All this because a truck driver screeched to a stop that night back in 1972.

Truck drivers are generous people. Make no mistake about that. There is a noticeable pride in serving, doing the hard stuff, and knowing they will most likely never be thanked. These road warriors deserve our appreciation. After all, the clothes you are wearing as you read this were delivered on a truck.

So, when you are out on the road, make room for trucks, give a wave, and say thanks. If you ever have an opportunity to sit and talk with a truck driver, take advantage of that. Sit and listen to them share. You will undoubtedly hear from the heart of a generous person.

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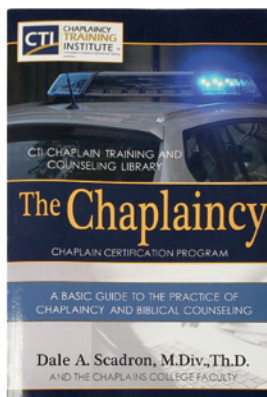


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# TruckStruck

By Lynn Bolster

## THE LIME GREEN SPEEDOS

With so much talk nowadays about human trafficking and the sex trade, it is hard to ignore. In trucking there have always been too many ways for drivers to be tempted. My neighbor, an older married man, used to truck the I-95 corridor as did another married male friend of mine. One night they met in a house of ill-repute, one going in, the other coming out. The older man said to my friend, "if you won't tell, I won't tell." And so it goes with enticement on the road, it will forever be and to pretend it isn't out there is nonsense. In the trucking world, prostitutes are called lot lizards or commercial ladies or men. There are other names which might not be appropriate to share here. But, whatever they're called, they are out there, tempting to many and a distraction from the road.

We witnessed quite the spectacle in Fayetteville, NC on I-95 one hot summer night. We had loaded melons in Florida requiring overnight delivery. It came to be about 1:00 am, and Bill and I could barely keep our eyes open. From where we loaded in Florida to the Jessup, MD produce market is about 850 miles so we were getting closer but getting exhausted at the same time.

The rest area in Fayetteville was a welcome sight so we decided to lie down for an hour. Bill crawled back into the sleeper and was out instantly. I decided to use the rest room first. I climbed out of the truck and proceeded on my way. When exiting the rest room, I heard two men speaking. Guy #1 said "is she the one? I just saw her get out of a truck up there," he pointed. Guy #2 responded, "Yup," and they proceeded to chase me. Even exhausted, I quickly realized my life was in danger. I took off running in between the trailers in the dark. When they went down one row, I went up another. I saw our truck up ahead and raced toward it. I grabbed that door latch and was up those steps like lightning. Out of breath I heard nothing but my racing heart. Bill was oblivious to my ominous encounter. I attempted to wake him, but all he did was groan. So I crawled back with him and tried to doze off. By then it was 1:30 am so not much time to snooze since the alarm sounded at 2:00 am and back up we went.

I shared with Bill my rest area escapade to which he barely replied in his sleepy stupor. He did say he heard a few knocks on the sleeper door from commercial people working the lot, so he figured something was going on out there.

We cranked up the truck and slowly rolled to the exit, all the while hearing loud music and partying. In the picnic area were about 30 people who appeared to be high, singing, dancing and all manner of activities taking place. Those guys who chased me must have thought I was part of this. As we rolled on about five miles an hour, people began approaching the truck shouting did we want company, did we want to party, did we want to join them? With eyes now wide open, Bill believed my story and shook his head. When turning the last corner approaching the runway to merge onto 95, we saw a sight we couldn't unsee. To the right were five thin men, all wearing only bright, lime green Speedos, those very brief, tight fitting swim trunks, waving their arms and shouting and dancing attempting to lure us to stop to join them and the others, I imagine for a price.

We had seen our share of commercial activity over the years, but this was something a bit different. We exchanged glances, said nothing, and proceeded on. This sight, which would probably unnerve the average citizen, did not move us. Yes, it was odd, but when you are on the road, you become hardened to what you see because you see so much. There's not much new under the sun as they say. But for those men or women drivers who may be feeling weak, tempted or at odds and uncertain, they may actually join the Speedo guys.

One of my favorite acronyms is H.A.L.T. Never make decisions or choices when you are Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired. I've never met a driver who wasn't one of these things most of the time or maybe all of these things much of the time. The road is a harsh taskmaster. But it's up to us to police ourselves and our decisions while out there. We are born to be real, not perfect. Some days are harder than others. Remember, there are always consequences to your actions. Before you act, make sure you're prepared for them.



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.

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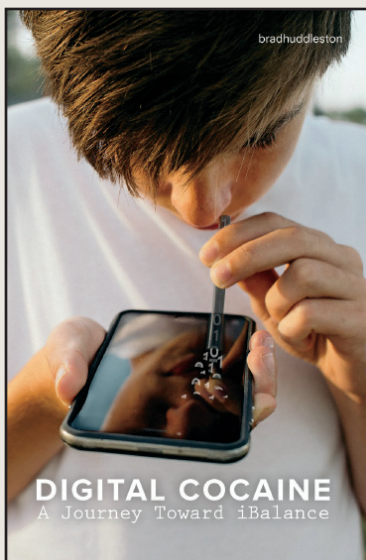
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# DIGITAL COCAINE - PART 1

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One comment I often receive regarding the cover of my book, *Digital Cocaine*, is, “That’s confronting.” What I think they really mean is something akin to, “That’s harsh, and in your face, please try to communicate your message positively.”

I’m all for being positive, but then there’s this pesky little thing called “the truth.” We love it and feel positive when we’re already in alignment with the truth. When we’re out of alignment with the truth and then are confronted with it, it tends to offend and make us angry. The irony is that the very thing that makes us furious is the only thing that will free us.

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:21

We should think twice when tempted to become an enemy of truth. The truth is that brain scans of digital addicts are the same as a cocaine or heroin addict, as illustrated on the cover of *Digital Cocaine* by a thirteen-year-old boy snorting zeros and ones from his smartphone. Of course, no parent wants to consider their child a drug addict—I get that. But then, there’s the truth. Sadly, I suspect most parents who hear me speak and see the brain scans I show think to themselves, “Thank God my child is not that bad,” when they probably are.

As a minister of the gospel, I am commissioned by God to tell the truth in love. I care deeply about those who come to hear me speak. However, I’ve had to ask God to help me love those who push back against the message He has given me, and He has. Even though I go to great lengths to express my sincere love and care, a few people still become angry with me. So, why do I press on? Well, because God loves those addicted to digital drugs. We must reach digital addicts with the good news just like those we reach out to who are addicted to traditional drugs such as alcohol, meth, marijuana, and heroin.

After my sermons and seminars, it is common for people to say, “I had no idea it was that bad.” That is how satan (I refuse to honor him by capitalizing his rotten name.) operates; he blinds us to our folly. We compare ourselves to other people and think, “Well, thank God I’m not like those drug addicts on the street.”

If you’re seasoned in the Word of God, two passages have probably crossed your mind:

“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people.’” Luke 18:11

“We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.” 2 Corinthians 10:12

Lying to ourselves by saying we’re not like others only perpetuates our problems. Comparing ourselves to others can give us the false impression that we’re better off than them—when we’re not. Only when we humble ourselves and admit we’re all in the same boat of sinful humanity can we receive God’s help. For example, although you might resist what you’re reading, deep inside, you might wonder if you and your children have an issue with digital addiction. If that’s you, don’t ignore that inner voice; it might just be the Holy Spirit. God is not angry when we’re honest. Never. He only gets testy with us when we ignore Him and lie to ourselves about our condition.

You might be thinking (and I hope you are), “How can I tell if my child is addicted to their technology? I can’t afford a brain scan.” Now we’re getting somewhere with God.

We’ll have part 2 next month. For more information, visit [bradhuddleston.com](http://bradhuddleston.com). While there, check out my book *Digital Cocaine, A Journey Toward iBalance* and my new book, *Digital Rehab: Learning to Live Again in the Real World*.





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