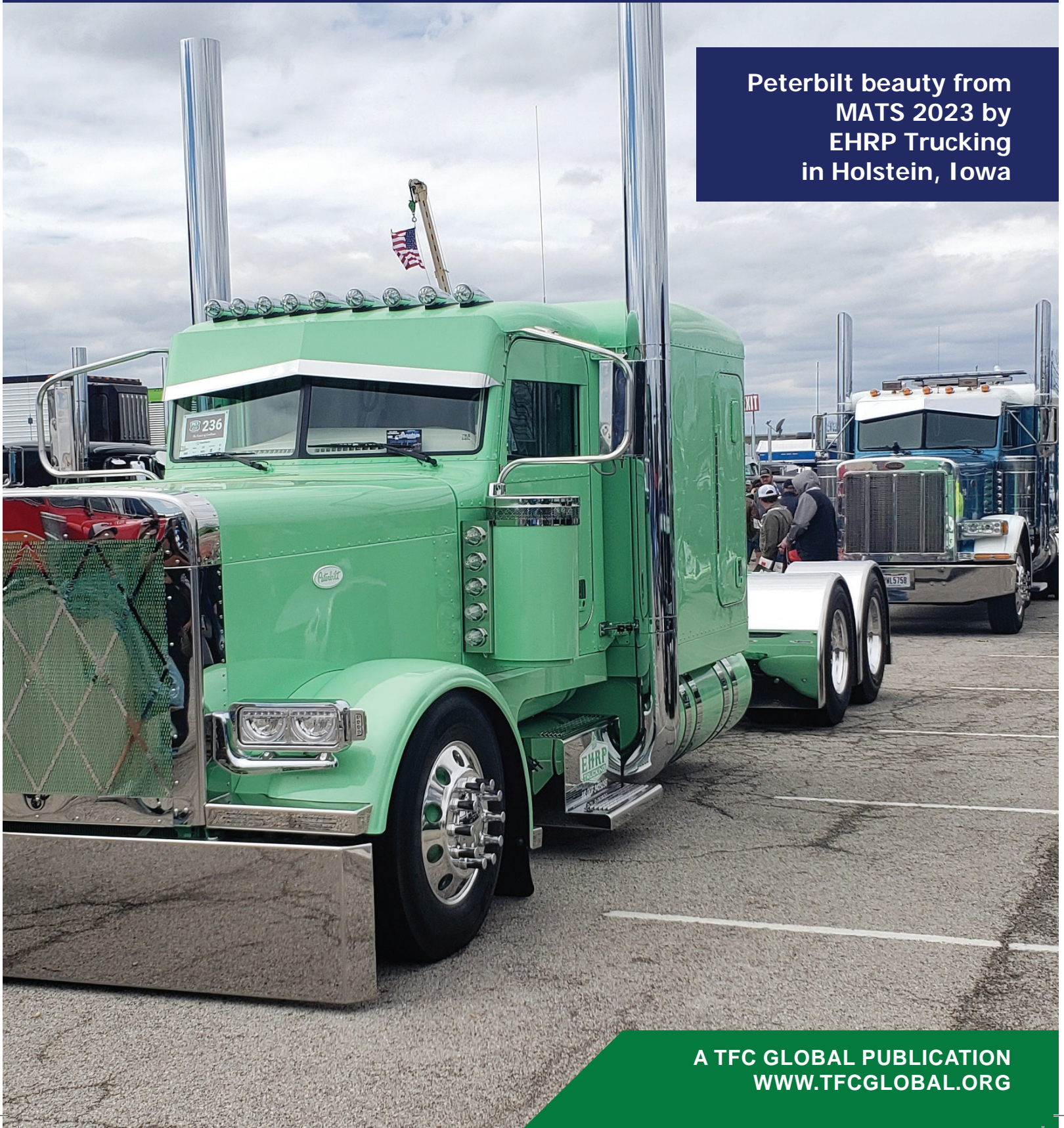


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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

RON FRASER



Forgive me as I stray from my normal format to bring awareness to an ever-growing issue in our culture. Over my years of serving in the church, I have rarely heard teaching that discussed a biblical perspective to help me make sense of my mental health journey. Instead, I have heard teachers explain that depression is due to sin or anxiety caused by unforgiveness. That is why among other things, I decided to become a mental health instructor and coach.

The reality is that we often don't differentiate between weakness and wickedness. As a result, Christians see issues like depression or anxiety, which are caused by issues more complicated than personal wrongdoing, as products solely of sin. This is why many of us often ask ourselves, "What's wrong with me?", rather than, "What do I need?". We are looking for blame when we just need to be cared for by ourselves and others.

So how can the church help its members, especially the men, to learn to embrace our humanity, so that we can speak openly about our weaknesses in a healthy and unashamed way? First, we as a church need to stop ignoring that it exists within the church. Secondly, the church needs to train people to be mental health coaches who can help deal with these types of issues and stop handing out referral lists that most people ignore. There are groups for just about everything that exist in the churches today but not for the care of people struggling with various kinds of mental health issues, especially in men. You only must look around you to see the mental health crisis we are in and in my opinion and many others, the church should be the first bastion of help for the believer. Encourage your church to take the first step in meeting this need!

The same holds true for the trucking industry. Truck drivers once ranked among America's unsung heroes. The pandemic put the men and women who deliver the goods and materials that keep communities afloat in the spotlight, but little attention was paid to the stress, anxiety, and conditions that chip away at truckers' mental health.

The shuttering of rest areas, bathrooms, motels, and other truck driving infrastructure during the pandemic raised alarms about excessive hardships faced by CDL professionals. But, long after the U.S. economy reopened, truckers continue to do an essential job that justifies far greater attention to mental health and wellness.

Professional truck drivers work in stressful conditions that favor unhealthy lifestyles and medical disorders. Their overall health and especially their mental health, is very often worse than the general population because of long driving shifts, disrupted sleep patterns, chronic fatigue, social isolation, compelling service duties, delivery urgency, job strain, low rewards, and unsystematic medical control. Trucker issues must remain in the national conversation, and drivers should get the support they deserve.

Chaplains provide care and biblical counseling for those who cannot bear their burdens alone and who need a trusted and objective friend and confidant. Very few companies realize the transformation a chaplaincy program can bring to their company. Where can you find a chaplaincy program specifically designed for the trucking community? TFC Global Corporate Chaplains Network provides that kind of program.

Professional truck drivers made a Herculean effort to keep America's food supply chains open and deliver essential products during the time of the pandemic. Truckers are no longer unsung heroes, and our valued women and men of the road deserve quality care and improved conditions.

As men, whether you're a professional driver or not, it can be tough to ask for help from our brothers, but there's no shame in it. Everybody needs someone they can turn to, especially in tough times, and as Christians we're called to carry one another through difficulties.

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# BREAKING NEWS


Trucking for the Word of God ministry's founders to





# JAMES & CYNTHIA HODGE JOINING THE TFC GLOBAL TEAM

to be part of the Interstate Trucking Ministries team.



James and Cynthia both 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 coworker, or 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. The Lord wanted him to reach out to others. He wondered where all the people were that he was supposed to reach. James had been a truck driver for over 30 years and away from his home and family; the calling suddenly made sense. The Hodges decided to support drivers and their families while traveling across the United States through a ministry called Trucking for the Word of God. Their custom-designed trailer has visited many shows. Their mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ and help bring people closer to Him won't change. They will travel to truck shows, churches, and other events, stopping at rest areas on their journey to minister to the drivers they meet or share about the ministry of TFC Global and what God is doing in the trucking community. Interstate Trucking Ministries is a new program for TFC Global. The trailer pictured has been converted into living quarters and a gathering space that will allow James and Cynthia to be a blessing to everyone they meet on the highway.



Although the Hodges will be based in the southeast, they will provide fellowship and appreciation days to truckers with food and conversation. In addition, the truck will be part of truck shows like the annual Mid-Atlantic Truck Show and charity events as decided by the Hodges' schedule.

Support for this new ministry is through sponsorships for fuel and daily living expenses and partners like you who love the trucking community and give to the work God is doing through TFC Global. All financial gifts given to the Interstate Trucking Ministry will go to what the Hodges will be doing less an administrative fee.

It's not hard to see how inspiring the Bible stories and patriotic graphics are for the people who see it on the road or when the truck is parked at a rest stop. Hopefully, one will get to see the inside gathering area to participate in Bible studies and encouraging conversation.

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 them on TFC Global's social media (@tfcglobaltruckingministry (Facebook), @tfcglobal (Instagram), and LinkedIn).

To schedule them for an event in your area or to speak at your church, email [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org) or call our office at 717-426-9977. Consideration for your event will be given based on available openings and scheduling.





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# Chaplain's Corner

By Craig Maart



## THANKS FOR PROVIDING CHAPLAINS

Someone from work just texted me and thanked me for providing chaplains.

Thought that would make you smile

Awesome. Sure does. Makes the time, effort and money worth it

Being a chaplain can be a thankless job. It's a good thing TFC Global chaplains don't see chaplaincy as a 9-5 job. Sometimes you receive a word of thanks, but for the most part, a chaplain courageously serves even when their work does not receive appreciation. The sacrifice, training, and work it takes to be a chaplain in a trucking company or at a truck stop is more than what you may think. A chaplain will put in a lot of time before a person feels comfortable enough to speak about something deeper than their favorite convenience store (Wawa), sports (MN Vikings football), traffic (always crazy), or the weather (70 and sunny). When a person shares what they are dealing with and asks the chaplain for prayer, advice, or resources, it makes all the thankless time and effort worth it.

I have lost count of how many times a chaplain will report the powerful impact God has had on a person's life. People are seeking help, getting saved, and receiving encouragement as God works through the hard work TFC Global chaplains do. I hear from our chaplains the contentment they have when God uses them for what they are called and passionate to do.

I received this text from the president of a company we provide chaplaincy services for; "Someone from work just texted me and thanked me for providing chaplains. Thought that would make you smile". It did indeed make me smile because I know some of the life issues our chaplains have been helping people face. The fact that an employee would text this to the owner says a lot. First, it shows how much the owner cares; his employees feel it. Second, the chaplain's presence is making a noticeable difference in the lives of his workforce. This employee had to make the time to text the owner. That is not normal. That's why this is a big deal.

These stories are fun to hear. We need more stories like this. For this to happen we need the prayer and financial support from you. We cannot provide chaplaincy to the trucking community without it. Resources, gas, nice uniform clothing, internet, phones, insurance, and truck show entrance fees, shipping costs, to name a few, cost money. We need your support and faith partnership to continue providing chaplaincy services.

It is a rewarding challenge to lead TFC Global chaplains through the application, candidacy, and training process. People are applying like crazy to be chaplains, and the trucking community needs chaplains. All this is dependent on prayer and God's provision. Will you allow God to use you to help provide top-level chaplaincy where darkness and isolation prey on those who work hard to keep America running?



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# BECAUSE OF YOU

By Ron Fraser



## Our Mission

Providing chaplaincy services to the trucking community through holistic, preventive, crisis care and spiritual guidance



**Because of you...** TFC Global has been able to put new chaplains into truck stops and trucking companies where they minister to the spiritual, physical, and behavioral needs of the professional driver.

**Because of you...** We have been able to answer the pleas for assistance in reaching truck drivers in South Africa by setting up TFC Global entities ministering in areas we serve.

**Because of you...** This ministry has been sustained for 73-plus years.

We have now entered into a unique time of history unlike any we have ever witnessed. The economic climate, governmental mandates, and restrictions are all challenges to TFC Global.

Ephesians 6:12 says "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

I am reminded of something I read in Rick Dunham's book "If God Will Provide Why Do We Have to Ask for Money."

He said "The spiritual war between Satan and his forces of darkness and God and his forces of light is at the core of God's Kingdom work here on earth. And it is waged on various fronts."

But there is one particular battlefield that is overlooked. It is a place where the forces of evil are enjoying victory after victory over God's children to the detriment of God's kingdom work. The battlefield is the funding of Christian ministry. The funding of God's work is at a critical point -- a nexus that is central, not tangential to the fulfillment of God's purposes in our world today. So Christian ministry becomes a prime target for Satan and the spiritual authorities under his command, with a significant spiritual

implication for God's kingdom program today. Limited resources mean limited impact.

Dunham also said "Clearly the ability of a ministry to fulfill God's call is in direct proportion to its ability to fund its work. And if the devil and his forces can thwart Christians from supporting God's work then he has won a victory in undermining the advancement and impact of God's Kingdom here on earth. That is exactly Satan's strategy: to keep ministries from gaining the resources they need to do the work God has called them to do."

At TFC Global, our faith partner donor base has actually grown, but the average giving per donor is down 49% due to inflation and the economic situation of individuals and families.

If we fail to properly fund Christian ministry, then we limit its ability to reach people to bring them into a personal relationship with God or grow them in the faith as disciples of Christ. This causes a loss on the spiritual battlefield for the hearts of men and women.

We want you, our faith partners, to know that we are thankful for whatever you can give to this ministry. We know these are difficult times. We also know that **because of you...** we are seeing lives transformed both here and overseas by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Written by Ron Fraser, President of TFC Global*

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# Life Is Like A Truck

Tom Wolff, Priority One Area Director

The trucks I drove over the years had a variety of transmissions. Typically, they would have either eight, ten, or thirteen forward speeds. The grain truck I drove has what is called a "super ten" which specialized in making the driver (me) crazy at times, but that's another story.

Why so many gears?

The truck must gather its speed in smaller increments due to its massive weight. Fully loaded it could take six gears just to get through an intersection! In each gear you are accessing the full power of the vehicle but not its full potential. To continue, you must keep shifting to the next higher gear, one shift at a time. Eventually you reach the "big hole", or overdrive. This is where you access all the power of the truck and also experience the full potential of the truck. This is my happy place – a fully loaded tractor trailer, the hum of a large diesel engine, overdrive and an open highway!

This mirrors our Christian journey. When we surrender our lives to Jesus, He gives us the Holy Spirit to live in us. He comes with the fullness of His power. Paul tells us the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us at the moment of our salvation. (Romans 8:11, Eph 1:19,20)

Welcome to first gear! We have access to the fullness of the power of Christ from day one! We have all of Jesus, but He doesn't yet have all of us. We have some growing to do. The key to growing and accessing God's power is surrendering to His will and His word. The more we surrender to Him, the greater we experience His power flowing into our life.

God has a purpose and plan for each of us. His plan is not awaiting our approval. If God had shown me 45 years ago the journey I would take and where I would be now, I would have been thoroughly convinced He had the wrong guy. I would have opted out.

This is what overdrive looks like! This is life in the "big hole."

That's our goal, but our new life isn't all roses and airhorns. Just as when we're driving, we need to be careful as we can

easily get stuck along the way. There are many obstacles and road-blocks that can keep us in sixth gear, when we have the potential for four or six more!

What gets in the way? What gets us stuck? Some of the more common obstacles are:

**Sin** – Our sin has caused a separation and God will not hear – Isaiah 59:2.

**Busy** – The opposite of "Be still and know that I am God." "If Satan can't make you bad, he'll make you busy" (church sign in Waco TX).

**Spiritual oppression** – We are easily lost in what John Eldredge calls, "the fog of war." We need to utilize the "weapons of our warfare" (2 Cor 10:3-6, Eph 6:12-18).

**Pride** – The root of most "stuckness" – (James 4:6).

The good news is that the apostle Paul tells us that we are not ignorant of the schemes of the enemy. We can and must learn how to wield our weapons and live fully in the victory Jesus won on the cross.

Growth is a progression and ultimately God wants us in the "big hole" – living our best life in the fullness of the Spirit. Day in and day out in continual communion with God – enjoying His fellowship and having the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing we are living in the fullness of His purpose and calling.

I love the prayer Paul prays for the church at Ephesus, and it is a prayer that is certainly appropriate for us today, so I leave you with this – I pray you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms (Eph. 1:19,20).

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*What about you?*





Romans 14:11 (NKJV) For it is written: “[As] I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

The Bible talks about idolatry a lot. Yet most of us don’t bow down to things in our everyday life. We don’t have shrines, altars, or temples. I am guessing (maybe hoping), that you have not sacrificed an animal for rain, protection, or prosperity recently.

Why then is this topic so important to God that He would address it over and over again? We all bow our knees to something.

The nature of idolatry was not that the people kept slipping up and bowing to things other than God. One of the keys to understanding idolatry is to understand fear.

People in ancient times were incredibly vulnerable. When there was sickness, people died. When it didn’t rain, people died. When an enemy came around, people died.

They were also very spiritual. They saw spirits as being behind all of these things. To keep something bad from happening, they sacrificed to that spirit.

The followers of God would look around and see others seemingly thriving and prospering. They would do the same things, because they thought they would prosper in the same way if they worshipped that spirit.

Sound familiar?

How many times have we looked at other people’s seemingly successful lives and tried to do what they are doing? The truth of the matter is we are bowing to something other than God in order to obtain something.

God has allowed us to bow to whatever we want to. We take our God-given freedom and our God-given resources, and put them on the altars of success, health, peace, reputation, protection, etc. We can tell what we worship by what we sacrifice to. Any source we look to for life other than the one true and living God is idolatry.



God made this world to bow to us not the other way around. He designed us to walk with Him in freedom. Anything less will eventually feel frustrating and empty. That emptiness has led many to search for God. The beauty of it all is that He says that if we search for Him with all of our hearts, we will find Him.

That is worth the sacrifice.

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# TFC GLOBAL: PROVIDING TO THE TRUCKING CHAPLAIN

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- Chaplaincy services add another level to an Employee Assistance Program that provides free counseling for a full package of support.
- Chaplains do not take employees away from being productive at their job.
- Everyone is having, has had, or will have some kind of life issue that is made better by a chaplain who listens.
- During the loss of a coworker, the chaplain helped us all through the grief process. He even had a small service for us to remember that person.
- Even at 6:00 a.m. drivers' meetings, our chaplain is positive and encouraging, available for questions and prayer, if someone wants that.

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# GATEWAY TO FREEDOM

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## BE A HERO

Would you like to know what you can do to help end sex trafficking in the world? If the answer is yes, keep reading. Last year the Gateway to Freedom Foundation launched the Be A Hero Campaign outlining four ways people can be a hero in the fight against sex trafficking. GTFF doesn't use that word lightly either. In our view, if a person takes action to help end sex trafficking, they are a hero. The good news is that to be a hero in the fight against sex trafficking doesn't require supernatural strength or skill. You don't have to leap tall buildings or move immovable objects. It's way more practical than that. That is not to say that it's easy, or that it doesn't require bravery, courage, and sacrifice. Those traits are all needed. It simply means making a difference is possible. Are you ready?

Here are four ways you can be a hero in the fight against sex trafficking today:

Help men break free from pornography or other unwanted sexual behavior by referring them to the Gateway to Freedom 3-day Intensive. These intensives are a proven path that have helped thousands of men get free. The next Intensive is coming up April 19-21, 2024 at the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center. Early bird pricing is available. Go to [tfcglobal.org/gateway](https://tfcglobal.org/gateway) and click 3-day workshop to learn more and register.

Equip yourself and others by bringing GTFF's seminar, Until All Are Free, to your church, business or community group. Until All Are Free is a dynamic training that equips local communities on how to effectively combat sex trafficking in their area. The training can be adapted to meet the needs of any group. Email [gateway@tfcglobal.org](mailto:gateway@tfcglobal.org) to inquire about bringing this training to your group.

Raise awareness by telling others about the Gateway to Freedom Foundation. Here are a few ways you can do that: 1) share the Highway News magazine with others, 2) follow GTFF on Facebook and like and share the posts, 3) subscribe to the GTFF newsletter to keep informed, and 4) sponsor a GTFF awareness event. Email [gateway@tfcglobal.org](mailto:gateway@tfcglobal.org) to learn more.

Offer financial support. Last year the GTFF helped 13 men break free from pornography and other unwanted sexual behavior, thus taking money away from pimps and traffickers. In addition GTFF trained and equipped over 100 people on how to implement demand reduction strategies within their local community. This year with the support of donors like you, we plan to not only match, but double those numbers. To support the work of GTFF and help put sex trafficking out of business go to [tfcglobal.org/gateway](https://tfcglobal.org/gateway) and click donate. Or you can mail a check to TFC Global (1525 River Rd, Marietta, 17547). Make the check payable to TFC Global and put Gateway to Freedom Foundation in the memo line.



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Addiction: reliance on a substance or activity to make it through a day

## 7 ACTION STEPS FOR WORKING THROUGH ADDICTION

### 01 TALK TO A CHAPLAIN



### 02 GET A PHYSICAL



### 03 DETERMINE TO GET HELP



### 04 DON'T LIE TO YOURSELF



### 05 IDENTIFY SUPPORT



### 06 SPEAK FREELY WITH CHAPLAIN

### 07 DO NOT DRIVE IMPAIRED



For more information, on how chaplaincy services could help your organization handle issues like this, contact TFC Global at [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org) or call 717-426-9977.

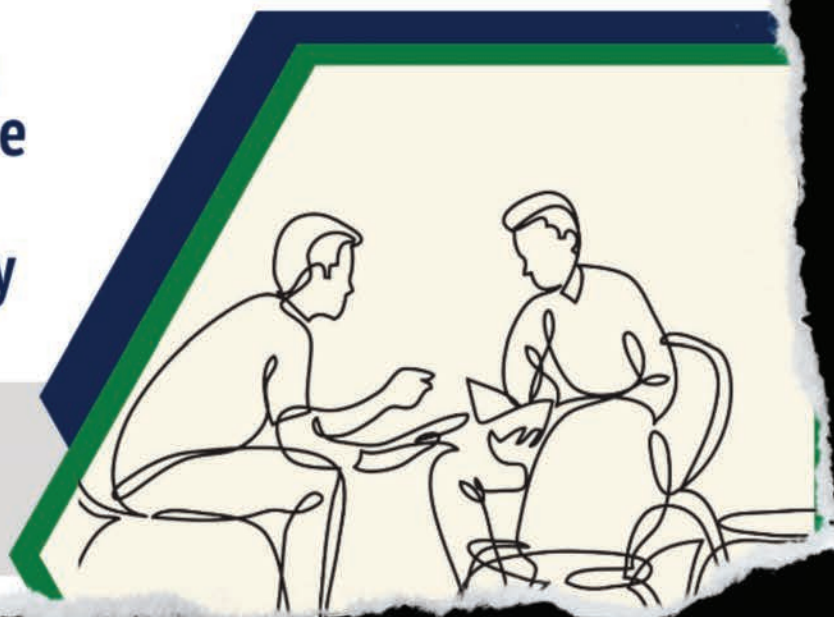


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Our chaplains are dedicated to being there for truck drivers, however they need help. Their stories encourage our work, and, we hope, inspire you to be part of the community supporting professional drivers. Here is one of those stories: Chaplains have the privilege of being invited to attend safety meetings at several trucking companies. Our chaplains use this time to make sure the drivers know about our services and how to reach us. During one meeting, a chaplain felt God nudge him to mention freedom from unhealthy sexual behavior. He simply made the offer that if anyone wanted to talk about their struggles, he was there for a no-judgment conversation. The man whom God had in mind approached our chaplain and shared that his addiction to pornography was ruining his relationships. Our chaplain was instrumental in helping him regain control over his behavior and habits. Use the QR code below to give a gift to help this community.

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## THE FEMALE WORKING MAN

There is a special place in my heart for the working man. I am a woman and should be writing about those strong women out there, but this time it's about the men. This article is about the blue-collar working man and I, by no means, am disregarding other workers out there, it's just that this one is about workers like truckers, laborers, mill workers, construction guys, like that.

For some reason I relate to and understand men in a way even I don't comprehend. I get them, their struggles, their stoicism. Obviously not all men are what I am about to describe, but the men I have known, including my father, displayed little feelings or emotions. Those who have spent time in jail or prison camp in WW2 like my father, learned to keep feelings inside because showing vulnerability could mean death – for real. When I was first trucking, Bill drilled this into my head. Be as tough as you can to protect yourself. Work hard, don't reveal much, don't think everyone is your friend. Smile but keep your distance; they'll cut your throat in a minute. He was referring to the big battle in trucking: rates. Drivers will undercut you in a second. You'll learn real fast who you can trust and who you can't. And I still don't trust anyone initially until they prove otherwise. It's a shame to be that way but it has helped me survive. The road is not an easy place to live. Anyone and anything can cross your path, and you must constantly evaluate what is real and what is not.

The working men I learned from taught me that everything you have you earn. Do your part, show your strength, but be kind and respectful enough to keep relationships afloat. There are no handouts or someone to bail you out. Always be on guard. Speak your mind when necessary but know you may lose friends or contacts when you do so. Nobody owes you anything. It sounds like a tough way to live but it has worked for me.

I grew up with a combo blue and white collar father. He was a hobo during the depression working any job he could find, a lumber jack, a potato picker, a body builder, deep sea diver, in the Navy 20 years, a Japanese POW for 4 years, yet managed to become a stock broker among other assorted careers, earned his PhD in economics and become a college professor. So like him, I can go blue collar or white collar. Mom used to say "your dad did all these mismatched things, then got his college degrees whereas you did college first and then joined the circus" which to her = trucking. Like father, like daughter!

Never in my wildest dreams did I believe I would become a trucker, a scrapper, a junker and a working man. Yes I said that. When I did those things, I got as dirty and full of grease as the guys and felt pride in my work. My fellow working men couldn't believe that I didn't mind getting in the thick of it with them working shoulder to shoulder. Not that I don't feel that in my cleaner, white collar jobs, it's just that dirt makes the work visible and that is something I wore with honor. Most women I speak to can't imagine what it was like to be a female working man. They can't relate but are fascinated by it. Well, all I know is I don't regret one day of it.

This all probably sounds foreign to most, but there is satisfaction in making it in this life. I've always done whatever it takes to make a buck, legally and morally. No job is beneath me. I may not like it, but I'll do it if it means survival. And I've been in some pretty tough spots. Sometimes I'll see a young man in the grocery store, wearing one of those fluorescent work shirts, dirty from the workday and I think about how rewarding it is to see him being responsible for his life.

There is a TV show called Homestead Rescue about a father, son and daughter who travel the country to help homesteaders live off grid. The father, Marty Raney, is asked about his resume to do this type of work as he has lived this lifestyle for over 50 years. He holds up his 67-year-old weather beaten, cracked, rock hardened, leathery hands and says "resume?? This is my resume!"

So take pride in what you do, no matter what it is or how you earn your honest living. God doesn't call the equipped; He equips those who He has called. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23

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# INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES UPDATE

A recent social media post by African Ministries Director, Adriaan Fourie shared the sobering statistics for the trucking community both in the United States and overseas. Take a moment to pray for our drivers who are on the road experiencing unique issues.

## WHY TRUCKING MINISTRY

*The following statistics should be more than enough for a church to reach out to truck drivers!*

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316 drivers, between age 23-76, surveyed by the National Institute of Health



In January, Pastor Claude who serves as a chaplain under the direction of Dr. Norbert Mbwiliza, our regional director in Tanzania, shared the gospel with four truck drivers in Burundi and one of them received Jesus Christ! Glory be to God. To support International Ministries financially, visit our website at [TFCGlobal.org/Give](http://TFCGlobal.org/Give).



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## GREAT LISTENING FOR LONG HAULS

Our second president and founding father, John Adams, made a crucial declaration: “Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Honest historians acknowledge the Bible is the foundation of the Constitution, which is why Adams’ warning is clear: If we, as a country, drift from adherence to the Bible, our Constitution will lose its power, and our freedoms will disappear. And the truth is, we’re living in a time of fading freedoms.

Unfortunately, we have drifted far, very far, from our Biblical foundation. Recent statistics show that only 4% of Millennials (those born from 1981 to 1996) and 4% of Generation Z (those born from 1997 to 2012) have a biblical worldview. And the news for Generation Alpha (those born in 2013 or later) is even worse. Only 2% of parents of preteens have a biblical worldview.

Writing about the sobering truth of Gen Z, Jonathan Morrow of the Impact 360 Institute wrote: “Given the prevalence of social media and screens in our society, we are seeing an acceleration of ideas, beliefs, and practices that are out of step with what God has revealed in the Bible. Atheism is on the rise in Gen Z.”

### SO, WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

It has been said that our political problems will not be solved from the top down but rather from the bottom up. In other words, local elections are more important than national ones.

I believe the same to be true of solving our lack of Biblical hunger. We can’t wait for the church to motivate God’s people to dive deeply into His Word. Individuals will have to take the matter of Biblical study into their own hands. Notice the instruction in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NKJV):

*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your*

*heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”* (emphasis mine) The command to teach God’s Word to children rests on parents, not the church or Christian school. And Deuteronomy 4:9 (NKJV) also places the same responsibility on grandparents: “*And teach them to your children and your grandchildren.*”

Of course, parents and grandparents must first know the Bible before attempting to impart it to their children and grandchildren.

### SO, WHERE’S A GOOD PLACE TO START?

My friend Sam had to drive a fair distance to work each day. In our conversations, he often recounted Bible stories and the lessons he was learning. And I noticed something: he would often mention “Pastor Chuck” as if he knew him personally. Week after week, and month after month, Sam would go through entire books of the Bible online, “line upon line,” with noted expository teacher Pastor Chuck Smith from his radio program “The Word for Today.” I could tell that God’s Word was positively impacting Sam while driving. It changed him powerfully.

I had a similar experience with noted radio Bible teacher Pastor Chuck Swindoll when I was in college, as I didn’t wait until Sunday to study the Scriptures. I would regularly order Chuck Swindoll’s study guides and work through entire books of the Bible.

The Scriptures have changed me—literally. It changes everyone who is consistent and disciplined to digest them. Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) explains why: “For the word of God is living and powerful.”

The Bible is unlike any other book on earth. When we study and meditate on it, we’re literally being instructed by the only living God!

If you’d like to go through the Bible with Pastor Chuck Smith, you can find his teachings at [pastorchuck.org](http://pastorchuck.org), and you can download the app (search for TWFT). You can find Pastor Chuck Swindoll’s expository teaching at [insight.org](http://insight.org) and for the app, search for Insight for Living. And, as always, if I can help, email [brad@bradhuddleston.com](mailto:brad@bradhuddleston.com).





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2. Become prayer partners for this community
3. Support a local TFC Global chaplain financially and by helping host and plan events to raise awareness of the trucking community's needs
4. Distribute magazines and other resources to local businesses

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## 16, MARCH

Susquehanna Chapter Prayer Breakfast  
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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 Son, that whoever believes in Him will 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 accept this free gift and ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life, 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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