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But It's Also Family,
Friends, and Fun!**



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From the Mailbox



Dear TFC,
LOVED the article update on
Green Onion! Was great of you to
share—thank you. His articles
were my favorites!

*Irene Zibrun
Via email*

We enjoy reading your magazine.
It's so good to hear how the Lord
is working through your trucker
chapels and so many people are
being helped. We are praying regu-
larly for your ministry. May God
bless you and make you a bless-
ing wherever you are.

*Love in Christ,
John Fehr*

To whom it may concern,
I appreciate your magazine so
much. The stories of truckers find-
ing Christ give me hope for my
son... Enclosed is my [offering] to
help in any way possible, maybe
even in Denver. Continue your
good work!

*In Christ,
Ruth V.*

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A Word from Dan

As a little tike, I remember my dad arriving home after being ten to twelve days on the road. (That was a long haul in those days!) Mom made a wonderful home-cooked dinner and my brother and I washed the dishes. But something happened before we turned on the black-and-white portable TV. (You can imagine how long ago that might have been.) Dad pulled out receipts and slips of paper along with *blank* log books. I cannot remember how long it took for them to recre-
ate the last week or two. But my brother and I were more than ready for Bonanza or Lassie!

In polite company, one does not talk about politics and religion and the ELD mandate. I will skip the politics, but in *Highway News* we make it a point to bring up Jesus Christ. It may be risky but I will also bring up ELDs in this editorial. Some of you have joined the truck driving workforce for the free-
dom driving offers. Many drivers have complained that ELDs are a version of Big Brother. The argument on the other side is that they give boundaries to help drivers better manage their time for safety reasons.

On the spiritual side, some people think of God as the One who is watching them for controlling purposes. God is tracking every move. Do you remember the old song with the line, “every wrong thing that you do, God’s gonna getcha for that”?

The Israeli king David wrote in Psalm 139, “you are familiar with all my ways” (verse 3, NIV) and “where shall I flee from your presence?” (verse 7). For King David, God’s constant watch over him was not restrictive but life-giving. “How precious to me are your thoughts, O God” (verse 17). The prophet Isaiah wrote about God’s watchfulness in tattoo language, “I have engraved you on the palms of my hands” (Isaiah 49:16).

God knows every detail about you and me but that does not repulse God. God’s reaction is this: “I have so much more available for you if you will walk with Me in My way.” The resurrection of Jesus Christ that Christians celebrate at Easter (April 1 this year) makes it possible for you and me to have an open and trusting walk with Christ, having our sins completely wiped away.

Seek out a TFC chaplain as soon as you can or call the Trucker’s Prayer Line to talk about this free gift from Christ.

Be safe and look out for one another,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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On the cover: While fancy trucks are one of the big attractions of the TFC truck rallies, folks love them for many other reasons—meeting old friends, making new ones, and especially knowing that it's a safe place for kids to have fun.

Transport For Christ...

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

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.
Last month's truck (below) was a
1936 International.



Transport For Christ Launches New Website!

Through a generous memorial gift from the family of a trucking company owner and truck driver, TFC has been able to create a fresh web presence, while keeping the same web address (www.transportforchrist.org). There is greater visual interest, with many pictures of drivers and chaplains, and stories and statements from drivers in various places. On the "About" tab, you will be able to find a map with TFC ministry locations pinpointed by buttons that will get you the location and contact information. You'll also be able to check opportunities for volunteering at a ministry center or at the International Office. In addition to that, and in answer to many requests, we have made online giving easier for those in both Canada and the United States.

Have you invested in the TFC ministry lately? As God enables you, now might be a good time to test drive the simplified donation option. The Canada link provides an opportunity through PayPal. The U.S. link allows you to set up monthly or quarterly giving which sustains this work among drivers.

Thank you for your interest in helping drivers connect with Jesus Christ and experience Christian community. Enjoy navigating around the new TFC website.





Who are they?
Pete (Pierre), Ken (a.k.a. KW), and Mac discovered each other during an 18-hour blizzard two years ago on I-94 in Michigan. Each was doing whatever he could to help stranded motorists when they connected and realized they had a shared interest in following Jesus Christ and helping others. Since then, every Tuesday at 8:40 PM (CT) they have been meeting on a group chat. We thought you'd enjoy listening in!

Glass Half...

Ken: Mac and Pete, I couldn't wait for our call this evening.

Pete: You know you can call or text anytime something comes up.

Ken: Yeah, I know. It isn't urgent but I've noticed something I want to ask you guys about, you being veteran drivers and all.

Mac: Pete, is he calling us old men? Watch your step carefully, my friend.

Pete: If the shoe fits...

Ken: OK, here's the thing. I've only been driving for a couple of years but what I've seen in my short time is that there are lots of drivers who seem mad at the world. Or they just seem to complain all the time. You guys are different. Pete, you've been driving for twelve years and Mac, you've got six million accident-free miles. But you guys are different than many other drivers. You do your job and actually seem to like it.

Pete: We're just putting on a good show for you, buddy.

Ken: I don't believe a word of it. You guys like driving. I hear it in your tone every week in our phone calls.

Mac: You know, life just hasn't turned out to be what lots of people

expected. Driving isn't as free and adventurous as they hoped it would be. None of the nine different companies they've driven for have fulfilled the recruiter's promised—including driving for themselves. So many people are just disappointed. If there is no happiness inside, there is no happiness to pass on to others.

Ken: Sure, I get that, but both of you have lived through some pretty disappointing junk. What keeps you from grumbling?

Pete: It's human nature to focus on what we don't have. Without that something, we feel like we are missing out. It started way back with Adam and Eve. The Serpent convinced Eve that God was holding out on her and her husband, tricking them both to go after what the Good Creator had said was off limits. To this day, our bent is to expect and want more and better.

Mac: When we don't get it, we sulk or complain to anyone who will tolerate us.

Ken: OK, so I get it. With the coming of Jesus and his death and resurrection, each of us can have new life by faith in Christ. While we don't have all the things we want each day, we have new eyes to see the beauty of what Christ has provided for us.

Pete: Exactly. That's why the Apostle

Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8 to focus on things that are noble, pure, right, and excellent. The outcome is experiencing the peace of God—even in the disappointments.

Mac: More often than not, even in delays, missed dock times, breakdowns, I have found unexpected positives. Remember the whiteout when the three of us first met? This camaraderie we have now wouldn't have happened if it weren't for that storm.

Pete: And you know what? I discovered that when I do complain, it just doesn't help anybody else. The moaning doesn't solve problems. It just brings everyone down.

Ken: So, complaining is like the unwholesome talk in Ephesians 4:29. It wears people down rather than building them up.

Mac: You got it. Try this experiment. See how you might be able to redirect a grumbling conversation with positive expressions of good that you've seen during the day.

Ken: I'll fill you in next week—same time.

Pete: Au revoir.

Ken: Hasta la vista, amigos. ☺

CHAPLAINS' LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

"Driver Trent came in today. He gave his life to Jesus here at the chapel about three years ago. He was just diagnosed with cancer, and I had a special prayer for him."

- Chaplain Jay -

◆ Driver Darryl came in saying he was homeless and living in his truck. He kept saying, "But I know God will make a way." I asked if he had ever asked Jesus to come into his life, and he couldn't say he had. I then told him he needed to give his life to Jesus, and he did just that today!
Chaplain James

◆ I walked into the TV lounge to set up for the service and saw that several drivers were watching a race on TV. I asked them if I could turn off the TV to have a service. A couple of them were really into the race and were hesitant. I made a deal with them: I told them that if what I had to share was not preferred to the race, I would stop in ten minutes. The Lord let me present the Gospel and it went longer than the promised ten minutes, with both drivers interested. After the service, one driver stayed and asked me questions. He was a believer, and we prayed and talked.
Chaplain John

◆ Margaret and I held a Bible study at the Flying J and had one trucker join us. He was originally from Burundi, Africa, but came over to seek asylum in the U.S. He gave his testimony, which was one of much persecution. He was fortunate in that he was a member of a good church and had the support of his fellow brothers in Christ, who were able to steer him in the right direction. He was joyful to the Lord for his freedom and asked

the Lord's help in consoling those who were still in bondage in his home country. We closed with prayer that his fellow countrymen would survive.
Chaplain Willard

◆ Driver Sam came into the chapel and told me he leads a phone devotional every day, entitled "Church of the Open Road," with about five others who join him. He asked me if I would lead the devotional this afternoon. After I agreed to do so, he came back into the chapel with his phone and called his contacts. I led the devotional from Matthew chapter 13, challenging all of us to be faithful in meeting our God-appointment responsibilities as "sowers of the Word." Our time included sharing prayer requests and even questions and comments after the Bible study.
Chaplain Joe

◆ Thomas came into the lounge in the truck stop tonight while I was reading my Bible. I engaged him and another driver in conversation and began to share the Word of God with them. I spent quality time with both drivers in regard to the mighty claims of Christ, and then I asked them if they would like to have Christ come into their hearts. The younger driver, Thomas, said he would. I prayed with him, leading him in a prayer of commitment, and I believe Thomas came to faith in Christ tonight.
Chaplain Allan

◆ Driver Scott, who was in last week, stopped by again. He just needed some fellowship. We discussed a bunch of topics. We agreed that prayer was what we all needed.
Chaplain Jim

◆ A truck driver from New Brunswick came in. We spoke about several issues, then looked into the Word of God. He has been a Christian for a long time and said he needed clarification on some spiritual issues. Before he left, we prayed together for better understanding about God's will for him.
Chaplain Jacques

◆ Chris came in needing to talk, and I listened. He has many so-called friends and their families being judgmental while trying to reach out to him, but their attitude turned him off. His body showed signs of relaxing the more we talked. We spoke of the assurance of salvation and the power the Holy Spirit, Who guides us when we have decisions to make in life. I prayed with him before he left, and his countenance and body language were so different.
Chaplain Gary

◆ A driver from Pennsylvania came in. He was here three days ago, looking for prayer. He stopped in today to let us know he is doing much better and to thank us for praying for him.
Chaplain Richard

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

The Day “Doubting Thomas” Believed

Poor Thomas! When it comes right down to it, he was just being honest, and what did it get him? The “honor” of being forever associated with doubting, as well as a place in the dictionary—which defines “doubting Thomas” as “One who is habitually doubtful; who insists on proof before he will believe anything; someone who demands physical evidence in order to be convinced (especially when this demand is out of place); skeptic.”

The fact is, “doubting Thomas” just couldn’t believe what they were telling him. It was too good to be true, so he decided it *couldn’t* be true. I mean, he had seen all his hopes killed and laid in a tomb! That had marked the end of all his hopes.

When all the disciples joyfully told him Jesus had risen from the dead and had appeared to them, he replied, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” (John 20:25).

I’m so glad Jesus had mercy on Thomas! He appeared to His doubtful disciple, showing him His hands and feet, telling him, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

When Thomas saw the Lord, he fell at His feet, crying, “My Lord and my God!” While merciful, the Lord also lovingly rebuked him for his doubtful spirit: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:28-29).

Too many times, we demand to see before we believe; yet in God’s economy, believing comes before seeing. The Bible says that someday we all will fall at the feet of the crucified and resurrected Son of God, confessing that Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11). Will we fall before Him in gratitude, seeing for the first time Him in Whom we believed, or will it be with regret because we realize how foolish we were for not believing?

Let’s believe Him for Who He is: the risen Lord and Savior who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, as the Bible says. It may seem “too good to be true,” but it is true. Jesus loves you, died and rose again for you, and is waiting to forgive you and give you a new life. Why not make this Easter celebration your best ever by surrendering your life to Him and inviting Him to live in your heart? If you do, you will someday hear Him say, “Blessed are you, because you have not seen, yet you have believed.” ☺

Believe in the Risen Lord and He Will Give You New Life

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

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

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



By Dr. Karl Benzio

Computers and the Web provide phenomenal opportunities. Connecting with long-lost friends, childhood bosom buddies, old teammates, family on the other side of the country or across the ocean, people from church, and friends from mission trips is now incredibly fast, easy, and cheap. So many hearts have been warmed. So much relational, missional, and transformational good has resulted.

But, like dynamite, computers and the web can be used for tremendous good ... or tremendous evil. As a psychiatrist I frequently see and hear how the Internet has contributed to hurtful communication via email, chat rooms, Facebook, texting, etc. Cyberbullying, sexting, pornography, and especially extramarital relationships resulting in infidelity, all enhanced by the Internet, have led to devastating destruction in relationships and families.

Inappropriate communication with the opposite sex via Internet happens so easily because of our fast pace. You see, most people have minimal time to calmly and deeply share with spouses on a daily basis. But Internet communication gives us unparalleled confidence to speak freely to others because there is no real contact with the other person. We can experiment, re-create ourselves, mislead, or avoid dealing with the hard elements of genuine relationships. These hard elements include real intimacy, accountability, integrity, responsibility, trustworthiness, honesty, conflict management, patience, and toughest of all, forgiveness.

Before you know it, you are writing things you should never write, with a false sense of privacy as you incorrectly assume that what you write will stay a secret between you and the receiver. You have probably heard the advice that you should not type anything, anywhere that you wouldn't want published in your church bulletin; that you shouldn't say anything to anyone of the opposite sex that you would not want your spouse to hear you say.

Unfortunately, even though Internet affairs have exploded in number, other secret, old-fashioned inappropriate communication falls into the same danger zone. Real

relationships are great, but they do take time and work. Taking shortcuts will not only cheat you out of the rewards of relationship, they will also lead to painful, costly, and often disastrous consequences.

Today, give some thought to your use of the Internet and other "secret" forms of communication you use with people, but especially the opposite sex. Some involve communication with real people, and some with fantasy people or pornographic sites. Being secretive or sly is a warning bell that these writings or actions should stop. If you have been writing things you should not, then step back and say, "stop the presses." This isn't just about writing. This is about the lies your heart has bought into along with a sure path to destruction for you and those around you. Whether you spend your energies engaging in wrong relationships or you pursue and invest in the right ones is your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Oh my personal God, I ask and pray that You fill me with Your Holy Spirit to strengthen me. Teach me, Father, to remain faithful and true to those I love. Let not the fear of being caught be the deterrent; above all, let it be the fear of separation from You, and the spiritual harm that sets me on a downward spiral of pain. I pray in the name of the one You sent to dwell in my heart, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Truth

[I pray] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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Grace Has No Expiration Date

Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
Hebrews 4:16 New Living Translation



One was heartbroken, another was ashamed, the third was cynical. All three needed healing on a deep level, and the conclusion would be that they needed special counseling. We would immediately think to whom we would refer the grief-stricken woman—a support group, maybe? The second one would probably benefit from a psychologist that would show him how his shame was unjustified, that he shouldn't be such a perfectionist, should give himself some allowances, it had just been a mistake... As for the third, would he really need any kind of counseling? Maybe he'd just come to terms with reality, and that's healthy...

Switch the time frame, step back a couple of millennia... We're outside Jerusalem, where a woman cries by a tomb. Her heart is broken because the One who had come to mean more than life to her had been killed and now she didn't even have the comfort of mourning at His grave. Hers is the night of grief—until she hears Him speak her name: "Mary." That's all He says and her grief turns into overwhelming, sunrise-bright joy (see John 20:10-16).

Lost in his night of shame, the second one thinks he's beyond restoration. Yes, he'd seen the resurrected Master, heard His voice, rejoiced with his friends—but nothing could obliterate the fact that he'd blown it. He, Peter, the one always so prompt to profess allegiance, courage, boldness, had covered before a servant girl, had denied knowing Him, and with curses, too! I mean, there's a limit, right? Maybe he could be forgiven, but as far as being reinstated into the fellowship he'd once known and the call that had once been his—that was wishful thinking. He goes back to his old vocation, but even in that he's a failure, as an all-night fishing expedition yields no results.

Then, by the early morning light, he sees someone at the shore. As he realizes it is the Lord, his joy overcomes his shame and, in typical Peter-fashion, he doesn't wait for the boat, but jumps into the water. Years ago, *Decision* magazine featured a painting showing Jesus at the shore, preparing breakfast while facing the lake. Approaching Him, wading through the shallow water, is Peter, outlined

by the sunrise, an expression of unbelieving joy on his face. Later, for as many times as he'd denied his Lord, he is given the chance to reaffirm his devotion (see John 21). The one who denied Jesus in front of a servant girl would later face death for the sake of Christ.

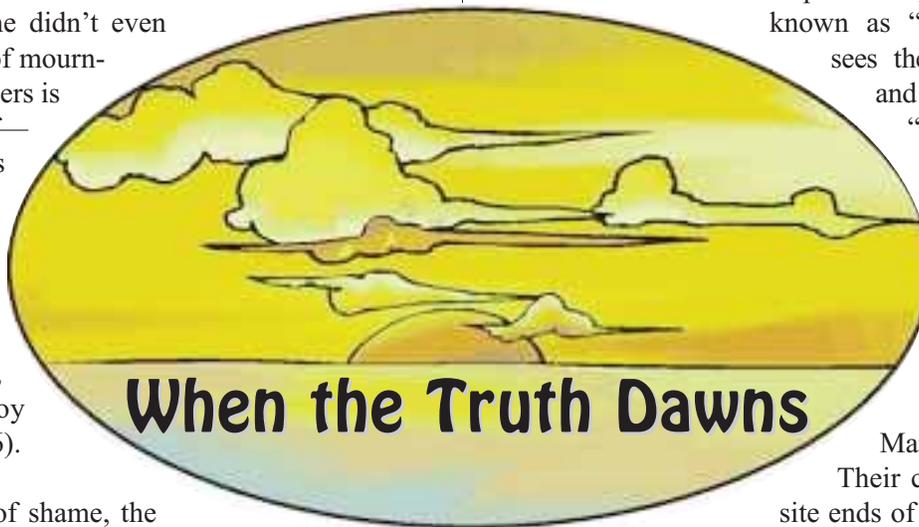
Then we have one who has determined he won't be "taken in" again. He had given himself to a cause, and all his hopes were dashed on that hill outside the city. Can you imagine him, looking up and thinking, "But this is not how it was supposed to end!" Maybe he feels betrayed in his trust. When the stunning news reaches him—"We have seen the Lord"—his response is immediate: "Unless I see...I won't believe." Not anymore, forget it. His is the night of cynicism that smothers hope. This is life, face it and go on with it. There is no hope, no deliverer, no future. Until, against all

rational expectations, he who would be known as "Doubting Thomas"

sees the resurrected Christ and hears the invitation:

"Come, touch Me."

Recognition and adoration replace doubt and unbelief, and the cynic becomes a worshipper (see John 20:24-28).



When the Truth Dawns

Mary, Peter, Thomas...

Their crises were at opposite ends of the emotional spectrum,

yet the answer to all three was the

same: an encounter with the Giver of life, the only One who can soothe grief, erase shame, heal cynicism, restore hope.

What is your crisis today? The heartbreak of a loss, the despondency of lost hope, the shame of sin? The world would like to offer you its ineffective bandages of superficial reassurance, bandages that soothe but don't heal. Healing comes from One and One alone: Jesus Christ, who, by His death and resurrection, overcame sin and all the grief, shame, bondage, and hopelessness that come from it.

Whatever the need, He is the answer. It may sound simplistic, but it has been true and effective for two thousand years, and will continue to be true for another two thousand and beyond, if He tarries. For you, just as it was for Mary, for Peter, for Thomas. ☺

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

From the logs of the Open Door Chapel, Frystown, PA

- ◆ Driver Charles came in at mid-morning with a lot on his mind and heart. He was here last week, too. I prayed with him and then we recited together Psalm 23.
- ◆ Driver Dino came in and unloaded his worries and concerns for his family in Florida, especially his wife, who is the hospital there with a heart attack. We prayed for those issues.
- ◆ Shortly after I arrived I met a driver in the lot walking toward the chapel, so I invited him to come in. He seemed very interested when I asked him if he had time to sit down and visit for a while. He looked tired but listened as I shared with him from several passages of Scripture. In conclusion, we prayed together, and he professed a decision to accept Christ!
- ◆ Driver Scott came in this evening and asked for special prayer for his newborn granddaughter who is in serious condition in a hospital in Ohio. I prayed for Scott and for the three-day-old little girl.
- ◆ Driver Melvin came in for the morning service. He shared his testimony with me, starting from losing everything in a house fire at age seventeen. God has used his setbacks for His glory all the way through to today. What a blessed time we shared!
- ◆ Met one driver on the lot and invited him into the chapel. We talked for a while, and then asked him if I could pray for him. He thanked me and we hugged before he left. Sometimes these drivers just feel beat up by the world and just need some encouragement.
- ◆ I met driver David on the lot and invited him into the chapel. He said he did not have much time to stay or visit, however he did sit down and talked with me. He told me that about ten years ago he was close to the Lord, but had drifted away from fellowship, and that he and his wife were under conviction about this problem. I was able to spend about half an hour sharing the Word of God with him and I invited him back when he comes through again.
- ◆ Driver Mervin, from Indiana, came into the chapel this evening. He is a believer and we had a good time sharing with each other. His desire is to serve the Lord, but at this time he has to be on the road all the time, and is hoping to get a local job at home so he can attend weekly Bible studies at his church. I was able to share some Scriptures with him and encourage him to stay close to Christ and the Scriptures.
- ◆ Driver Andrew came into the chapel and I had the opportunity to ask him if he had time for me to share a passage of Scripture with him. He said yes, and I opened the Bible to Isaiah 12 and read it to him. I read more Scripture to him and then asked him if he wanted to pray with me and invite Christ to come into his heart. He said yes!
- ◆ A husband-and-wife team came in and I had the opportunity to spend quality time with them. They shared the concerns that they had for their children and the difficulties that they are experiencing as professional truck drivers on the road each day.
- ◆ A driver stopped in that was very grieved as a result of his divorce after some twenty years of marriage. I prayed with him, asking God to restore his marriage if at all possible. He is a Christian, and said how relieved and blessed he felt as a result of stopping at the chapel.
- ◆ Met two young people on the lot and invited them to come into the chapel. They told me that they were from Russia. I was able to pray with them, and give them a copy of *Highway News* and *Steps to Peace with God*.
- ◆ I stopped at the bench outside of the truck stop and started talking with driver Tom. We talked about his lack of assurance, but I sensed that he probably did know the Lord. I offered him the three-Bible-study series for truckers, a *Daily Bread* devotional, a copy of *Highway News*, my business card, and a small Cross Puzzle; he accepted it all with gratitude. We prayed together before he left.
- ◆ I went into the truck stop store and made the PA announcement for a service. Driver Emmanuel saw me give the announcement and recognized me from seeing me and talking with me back in Brunswick, Georgia. He came into the chapel for the service. He had some questions and we went over a number of things.
- ◆ Driver Jose, from Massachusetts, came into the chapel and we talked for a while. He told me he was from Puerto Rico, and was on his way to Texas. I prayed with him and gave him a copy of *Highway News* and *Steps to Peace with God*.



Family, Friends, Fun, Food, Fellowship—that’s what comes to mind when I try to come up with words to describe the TFC truck rallies. For many, it’s a reunion, meeting old friends you haven’t seen in quite a while.

It’s hard to believe that it’s been thirty-seven years since God gave Norm Ebersole the vision to start it all. I still remember that first rally, when the trucks met at a shopping center in the borough of Cleona and paraded to the Lebanon Fairgrounds. I don’t recall the number of trucks we had at that first rally, but looking at pictures, I would guess maybe twenty-five or thirty.



TFC Rallies: Not Just Trucks!

They’re a Time for Family, Friends, Fellowship, and Fun!

By Donald Hollinger

However, in the years that followed, that number kept climbing, reaching over 200 in subsequent years (with 274 as the highest number, in 2000).

Thinking of things that have changed from that first rally, I recall that for a while at least half of the big trucks were cabovers. By the early 2000s, however, cabovers were rare except for some classics. A few still show up today, but are now mostly considered antiques.

But one thing that has not changed is the emphasis on family. Truckers put in long hours on the road, and this is a time to unwind and have fun with their families. There are always lots of children’s activities, and many times we hear from parents that the rally is one place where they can let the children run and not worry about them, because there is a large staff contingent keeping an eye on things to make sure all are safe.

And there’s something new this year: The Fairgrounds Kitchen will open at 8:30 AM for breakfast, so you can come even earlier to make the most of your time with friends and family!

The special attraction for this year’s evening concert is a couple who are a favorite of many, including this writer: Southern Gospel duo Jeff and Sheri Easter. ☺





But trucks
were
the big
attraction
then...

...and
are
still
now!



Plan to Attend! 37th Annual Pennsylvania TFC Truck Rally Saturday, June 23, 2018 ♦ Lebanon Expo Center

Throughout the day: Vendors, Food Stands, Truck Supplies, Specialty Items, Crafts

9:00 AM	Trucks arrive for free registration packet; no pre-registration required
11:00 AM	Parade of trucks
11:30 AM—3:00 PM	Children's activities - Big Bright Bounces, face painting, barrel train, scavenger hunt, corn bin, pedal bikes and twist cars
1:15 PM	Benefit Auction, Winross/Model Truck Auction
4:00 PM	Children's Program: Forgotten Friends Reptile Sanctuary
5:30 PM	BBQ meal (tickets needed)
6:30 PM	TFC update, Prayers of Blessings, Concert with Jeff & Sheri Easter

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Families Love TFC Truck Rallies!





Answering the Call to Denver

Rich and Diana Olver are no strangers to the trucking life. Rich has thirty years of experience behind the wheel of a rig, having traveled through all lower forty-eight states—and not just once! While on the road, he would look for TFC chapels, and eventually even helped as a volunteer at a couple of locations.

Then came the life-changing night when he felt the Lord calling him into the ministry. He took online classes at Liberty University, and started applying for a ministry position at churches—and then at TFC. “Transport For Christ was the only



one that responded,” he said, “and it felt like a perfect fit!” He and Diana completed TFC’s Candidate Training School in September of 2016 and Rich started his internship at the Harrisburg Chapel. In the fall of 2017, the ministry leadership asked Rich and Diana to pray about taking on the leadership at the Denver Chapel, which was being manned by volunteers since Chaplain John Mitchell’s retirement. God’s answer was a clear “yes” so they moved to Colorado in January.



We praise the Lord for this wonderful answer to prayer, while also extending our deepest gratitude to the team who, under the leadership of Volunteer Chaplain Earnie West (on the left, with Chaplain Rich), made sure the chapel remained open. ☺

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RAMBLER



by Gary Nussbaum

The Easter Answer to the World's Mess

The issues confronting us today are evidence of the intense spiritual battle gripping a world that has no sustainable answers. It is a world grasping to know the meaning and answers to life while denying the Giver of Life. It can be summed up by the words of the Apostle Paul, given to him by the Holy Spirit, in the first chapter of Romans (Romans 1:18-32 NIV). He reminds us of man's godlessness and wickedness even though God has made it plain to all mankind:

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human man and birds and animals and reptiles.

“Therefore, God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts...

“Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, mur-

der, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

Paul has painted a painful word picture of man throughout history, to his refusal to walk in God's ways, and the resulting futility to find answers to his problems. This is illustrated by the responses to the growing number of school shootings and suicides taking place around the country, especially among young people. Guns are made to be the problem; never mentioned is the lack of parental guidance and morals, and even more than that, the lack of spiritual guidance. There was no gun involved in the first recorded murder when Cain killed his brother Abel. God saw that Cain was angry and told him that if he did not do what is right, sin was crouching at his door and it desired him. “But you must master it,” God told Cain (Genesis 4:7 NIV). Cain ignored the warning, and you know the results.

But in His mercy, God has not left man to its own devices and without hope. The recent passing of Billy Graham reminds us of the message of God's grace and mercy extended to all of us, a message he so clearly and faithfully proclaimed. It always was about man's sin and Easter's answer. It was always about Jesus, His dying for our sin and defeating death by His resurrection. It was the sacrifice necessary to cover our sin, the defeating of death by coming forth from the tomb, and the promise that as He lives we too shall live. Easter is God's promise fulfilled. ☺

Gary Nussbaum is Director of Follow-up Ministries for Transport For Christ

The Traveler

By Millie Baker Ragosta

Vince and I—realizing kids will do what their parents do, not necessarily what their parents tell them to do—always try to set a good example. For instance, when the Surgeon General announced that scientific studies had confirmed smoking is a health hazard, Vince promptly gave up his half-pack-a-day habit. “I can’t expect the kids not to smoke when I do,” he said.

It made an impression on our kids; not one of them has ever smoked.

He set other good examples, too—like telling them never to pick up a hitchhiker, although that was easy since our van was perpetually full. I have no idea what on earth we’d have done, had there been a seatbelt law back then, since our Volkswagen van didn’t have them (not that many vehicles would have had enough for thirteen).

We were coming home one summer day from a tiring day at an amusement park two hours north of our home in Mercer, Pennsylvania, when I noticed an elderly man lying in the grass verge along the highway. I said, “Stop, Vince, there’s an old man lying in the grass back there; I hope he wasn’t hit by a car.”

Vince stopped the van and backed up carefully. The old man, noticing us, sat up slowly and began brushing at his rumpled brown jacket.

“Can we be of any help, sir?” Vince asked. The old man shook his head, almost apologetically. “No, you are headed in the wrong direction. I need to get to Erie.”

“I’m really sorry that I can’t take you to Erie; it is ninety miles north of here and our little ones are tired and hungry. I’ll tell you what I can do, though,” Vince said. “I can take you the few more miles south to Mercer. It’s a crossroad for routes 62 and 19 and the truckers often stop there at the diner to eat. You’re almost sure to find someone there who can drive you to Erie.”

“Sounds good, thanks,” the old fellow said as he struggled to stand.

Vince got out of the van to help him while I told the older kids to take the smaller ones on their laps to make room for our passenger. Vince got him into the van and pulled back into traffic. I turned around in my seat and, as tactfully as I could, tried to find out why the man needed to get to Erie and why he had been lying down by the side of the road.

“My daughter lives in Erie,” he said. “She hasn’t got money to send me for bus fare, but said if I can find my way to her, she can look after me.” He hesitated, seeming almost embarrassed. “Reason I was lyin’ down...I’m just hungry, ain’t eaten anything since yesterday.” I noticed Vince—who like most Italians, *loves* feeding people—swallowing hard at that.

When we got to the Mercer diner, he helped the old man inside, well knowing any patrons—including the waitresses—would be “good Samaritans” to the old traveler, helping him find a trucker willing to take him to his daughter.

Back in the van, Vince tried to explain to the kids why he’d broken the rule about picking up hitchhikers. “That poor old guy couldn’t harm anyone...” Son Vince, Jr., couldn’t resist teasing his dad a little. “Does that mean we can pick up helpless old men?” he asked with a grin.

“Not exactly,” Vince said. “Look, you guys, picking up hitchhikers is still a good rule, but you are all smart enough to see that, in this case, it was the only decent thing to do.”

We were soon home, where I fed the baby and took her upstairs for a soothing bedtime bath while Vince got supper on the table for the other kids. The telephone rang and Vince answered it as I lifted Rosie from the tub. Vince came slowly upstairs.

“That was Dave Warner,” he said. “He was there at the diner when I stopped.”

“Did he find a ride to Erie for the old man?”

Vince shook his head. “He won’t be going to Erie, Millie. I gave him some money and, Dave said, he’d just eaten some ham and eggs when he...well, Dave said, ‘Vince, you bought him his last meal; he stood up and just dropped. He was dead before he hit the floor.’”

We still tell our children not to pick up hitchhikers, but until the day I die, I’ll be glad that poor old traveler’s last contact with his fellowman was with our dear “Good Samaritan.” ☹



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April 19-21 ❖ TFC Represented at the Truck World Show: International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, ON; for more information, call or text Chaplain Len at 519-536-6045.

April 21, 5:30 PM ❖ Toledo Chapel Spring Banquet: Ruyhley Park Pavilion, 320 West Holland Street, Archbold, OH; testimonies by OTR drivers, ministry updates, musical concert; for information contact Chaplain Wayne at 419-792-1917.

April 24, 6:30 PM ❖ West Michigan Annual Banquet: The Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Drive, Hudsonville, MI; for information contact Dwayne Johnson at 616-745-1012.

April 28, 5:00 PM ❖ Frystown Chapel Fundraising Banquet: Florin Hill Church of the Brethren, 815 Bruce Avenue, Mount Joy, PA; for tickets and information contact Chaplain Joe Matthews at 912-222-6922.

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Empty Tomb

They came to the quiet garden
in the early morning gloom,
And there in the shadowed darkness
they found an empty tomb.

They'd brought their scented herbs
to anoint the hallowed dead,
But found, to their amazement,
the living Lord instead.

Their hearts were heavy laden...
bowed down with deep despair...
But when they lifted tear-dimmed eyes,
lo, Jesus was standing there.

They thought all hope had ended
with Calvary's dying breath.
But they found a powerful Savior,
triumphant over death!

On that wonderful Easter morning,
in a garden sweet with dew,
He came from the grave, a world to save,
to live and reign anew.

So oft in the midst of sorrows,
when hope seems cold and dead,
With lifted eyes, we too may see...
An empty tomb instead!

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CONFESS JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD AND TURN FROM YOUR SINS. "... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved ... for 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Romans 10:9, 13). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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