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INSIDE VIEW

Rev. Kevin Scott

Last week I was heading to a meeting in a town not too far away. The drive should have taken about an hour, but it was one that I had done many times, so of course I left exactly one hour before the meeting was to start. Everything was going well for the first 40 minutes, until I unexpectedly came to a place where the road was barricaded—due to an accident ahead, judging from all the flashing lights—so I turned left and carried on. I had never been down the back roads in this area before, and being the only one on the road at that point I couldn't follow anyone, but how hard could it be?

Then I came to an intersection, and now I had to choose (there were no signs giving indications). I turned right and kept going, until I came to another intersection; again I made a choice and carried on. This went on for several minutes, until I was suddenly on a gravel road that eventually turned into a rutted path. Things were not looking good! I hadn't pulled up the map on my phone because I expected it to be a short, quick detour. I got it out now, but had no signal. I got out of the car, looked around and thought, "This is not where I ever intended to be."

How many times do we think the same thing when looking at our lives? "This isn't what I planned" or "I never meant for this to happen" or more simply, "How did I ever end up here?" We especially tend to think these thoughts when life gets hard, when we are going through difficult times and experiencing pain. We look around and wonder not just how did that happen but also "why me?" and "what now?"

In the last edition we talked about the detours of life. If you didn't read it, check it out at www.transportforchrist.ca and click "News and Updates". We talked about how God is always there to be with us through the journey, so we don't have to face it alone. He wants a relationship with us. God also has good news for us when we are going through times of pain and the struggles of life. His promise is that if we will follow Him, and allow Him to do it, He will redeem our pain and use it to do something wonderful inside of us. One of my favourite paraphrases of Romans 8:28 is J.B. Phillips': "We know that to those who love God, who are called according to his plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good."

Have you ever wondered how some people who have suffered so much seem to have so much love and compassion inside of them? They have let God do His work of turning their pain into something beneficial, even beautiful. To make them people who see past situations and circumstances, to see the needs, hurts and pain in others and try to help solve them.

Life can be overwhelming when we try to face it on our own. I want to invite you to flip to the back of this magazine and read through the ABCs. Call one of the numbers on the back, or the prayer line on the front, and let someone help you begin a journey that can redeem your pain and turn your heartache into something that prepares you to help others. You don't have to do this life on your own—in fact we weren't made for that. We need relationships, especially with the one who created us and who loves us. Today would be a great day to take the first step in your relationship with Him. I hope you will.

PS—By the way, I did make it to my meeting. After retracing my trip back out the gravel road, I got a signal on my cell phone and was able to access the map. I arrived a bit late, but I made it!

About the author: Kevin is TFC's Director of Overseas Ministries and a second-generation TFC staff member. His parents, Murray and Audrey, founded Overseas Ministries in 1994. Kevin and his wife, Lisa, pastored for 20 years as their two children were growing up, before joining the Overseas Ministries Team when his mother fell ill with leukemia. He has stepped into the lead role, but his dad still continues to work with him daily on developing our international ministry. They can be reached at overseasministries@gmail.com.

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God's Work in South America Expanding

As reported by Chaplain Marcelo da Silva Soares

Exciting New Partnership

At the beginning of April, I met with Manfredo Winter (shown to my left in the photo), from the organization Projeto Resgate (Project Rescue), about partnership between our two ministries. This partnership will play such an important role in our outreach to truck drivers in South America! Shortly after our first conversation, we received 12 boxes containing almost two thousand books in Spanish, all of excellent quality, both in content and packaging.

We are so grateful to God for this precious help and partnership, because we plan to soon start extending our ministry to truck drivers in Bolivia and Peru. This gift of good literature in Spanish from Projeto Resgate will greatly assist us in our outreach.

Paraguay

- Truck driver Freddy Martínez (on the right in photo, next to Chaplain Heriberto) was in the Puerto Falcón yard when chaplains Heriberto and Baldomero approached him offering evangelistic materials. Freddy admitted he was far from the ways of Christ and was open to listening to the chaplains. When they asked him if he would like to make a new covenant with Jesus, he readily accepted and prayed to receive Him as his Saviour.

- On April 29 we had the opportunity to speak to entrepreneurs and transport company owners, as well as representatives of church and institutions, at a meeting in Campo 9 city in Paraguay.

We talked briefly about the history of TFC in Canada and its expansion into Russia, Africa, Brazil and Paraguay, and we showed a video of the work in Zambia. The leaders at this meeting want this ministry to continue growing in Paraguay. We hope that soon we will have excellent news regarding this meeting.

Brazil—Paranaguá

When Chaplain Higor and I arrive at the port, we first set aside some time for prayer, asking God to guide us to people who are in need of a word of hope and love. One particular day back in April, the sorting yard of the port was really full, with more than a thousand trucks parked there. We asked God to guide us to someone among that large group who needed a special word from Him that day. As we were walking, we passed by a trucker who was on his cell phone. We felt moved to wait for him to finish the call. When he did, we asked if we could talk and he said, "Sure!" We introduced ourselves and he said his name was Maicon and that he had been taken to church when he was a kid but had gotten away from God. He told us he was in his second marriage and going through family problems. I told him that God loved him and that his life could change if he made a commitment to Jesus Christ. Maicon made a confession of faith that day, accepting Jesus as his Saviour. We are following up with him through a WhatsApp group, helping him grow in his faith.

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Truck driver Cassiano (left on the photo) stopped by to have his blood pressure checked. Chaplain Higor introduced himself and started talking to him while doing the BP check. Cassiano started sharing about his life as a trucker, all the problems he faced, and said, "While you are doing good for us, there are many out there who just want to hurt us!"

The chaplain asked him why he was saying that, and Cassiano started talking about the dangers of the road and that some places are so dangerous, you can't travel safely after 10 PM. He said he had eight children and his financial condition was very difficult, and he also had family problems. He was in tears by then. After listening to Cassiano, the chaplain explained the good news of the Gospel and told him that Christ loved him, and that He helps us as we face the struggles of life. He then asked Cassiano if he could pray for him, and Cassiano promptly said "Yes!" After the prayer, Chaplain Higor asked Cassiano if he wanted to accept Christ as his only and sufficient Saviour and he again said "Yes!" and prayed with Chaplain Higor. Cassiano is now part of our WhatsApp group so we can follow up and help him grow in his faith. He told us recently that he is going to church with his family.

Brazil—Imbituba

Chaplain Josiel has been doing excellent work at the Simon truck stop, site of our chapel. He walks the lot, engaging truckers in conversation and inviting them to come to the chapel to learn about the work, have their blood pressure checked, and receive a Bible as a gift. Before they leave he offers to pray for the truckers and shares the Gospel with them. Shown on the photo on right, Chaplain Josiel (left) with Ledimar and Aries, who both gladly received a Bible and had the chaplain pray for them.

Trucker Claudemir (photo on left, with Jasiel) was another trucker who accepted the invitation to come to the chapel and have his BP checked. As they were talking, Claudemir mentioned some problems he'd had with his truck, that had broken down. Chaplain Josiel helped him with that problem, but also shared the Good News of the Gospel with him. Claudemir said he'd been away from God and his faith for many years. When asked if he would like to pray renewing his commitment to Christ, Claudemir promptly said yes, and prayed with the chaplain.

Reaching Out

Ministry Invited to Be on *Bom Papo Cast* Podcast

We were invited by Mr. Marlon to be on the *Bom Papo Cast* podcast on May 21, talking to the listeners of that program about our work, ministering to truck drivers in Brazil and Paraguay, and soon to expand to Bolivia and Peru. (Note: "Bom Papo" means "Good Chat" in English.)

Live Broadcast Via Facebook Moved to Fridays

We have received very good feedback about our weekly live broadcasts via Facebook (now moved from Thursdays to Fridays, at 3:00 PM local Brazilian time). We are grateful for technology that enables truckers to receive our programming wherever they are. (That's Chaplain Higor next to me in the photo.)

Ministry at Trucking Company Continues

Every Wednesday morning, I share a message with the employees and directors of the trucking company SUDMAR. Please pray that more companies will open their doors to this part of the ministry.

Nouvelles en Français du Québec

Par Jacques Poirier aumônier - Saint-Liboire, Québec

C'est avec un grand plaisir que je m'adresse à vous dans cette période qui semble s'annoncer plus calme et plus agréable à vivre.

J'aimerais vous entretenir au sujet de Transport for Christ, de ses débuts. Cet organisme a pris son envol en juin 1951 dans la région de Toronto et son initiateur avait comme but de rejoindre les camionneurs dans leur environnement. Il décida donc d'aller dans les arrêts pour les camions un peu partout avec une chapelle mobile. Lorsqu'il est allé aux USA le concept a plu à nos voisins du sud et ce qui était une entreprise ayant un départ assez lent pris une tout autre direction.

Des chapelles furent installées de façon permanente dans plusieurs Truck Stop en Amérique du Nord. Plus tard l'œuvre a pris une dimension Internationale. Nous avons des chapelles dans différents pays du monde. Vous en verrez la liste sur la dernière page de cette revue. Vous y verrez les divisions (Canadienne et outre-mer) qui opèrent ensemble maintenant.

Notre plus grand désir est de rejoindre autant de chauffeurs que possible. Notre mission est de toute évidence une mission Évangélique et nous espérons que plusieurs seront touchés par la Parole de Dieu. Nous avons aussi comme mission le bien-être de nos amis camionneurs.

Le Seigneur Jésus nous enseigne ceci : Ce que vous voudriez que quelqu'un fasse pour vous, faites de même pour lui. Nous avons été créés pour vivre en société et c'est notre privilège de participer avec vous au maintien d'une communauté de transporteurs en bonne condition physique mentale (morale) et spirituelle.

Que notre grand Dieu veille sur chacun de vous.

Sur ce je vous invite à venir nous rencontrer quand la chapelle est ouverte.
Vous êtes les bienvenues.
Que notre grand Dieu vous garde.

About the Author: Jacques Poirier is lead chaplain at the TFC chapel in St-Liboire, QC. He has been with the ministry since 2014.

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These African Truckers Learned Their Lives Matter to God

Word of God Received with Gladness

By Chaplain David Kororo

On Friday April 8th, I arrived at Limpopo Truck Stop from South Africa and sat at a table with four other truck drivers to relax and take some refreshments. I engaged them in a conversation about our life on the road as truck drivers and the difficulties we face. They each narrated their own stories of life away from their beloved families. I soon learned that two of them (Benson and Chipo) were Christians, whereas Sithole and George were not saved. Chipo bemoaned how he missed going to church with his family, and Benson echoed the same sentiments. However, Sithole, who appeared not to value church life very much, asked, "Can anyone explain to me what the real benefit of going to church is?" A light debate ensued between the Christian brothers and the unsaved.

Chaplain David (standing) with Benson, George and Chipo (Sithole was taking the picture).

From the arguments I gathered that the emphasis of the Christian brothers was about being a member of a particular denomination. I introduced myself as a chaplain to truck drivers under the umbrella of Transport For Christ. I had run out of the *Good News For Life's Highway* magazines, but I had copies of the Roadmap of Life New Testaments, which I pulled out from my bag and gave to them.

By now I had everyone's attention and I said, "You are having a very interesting discussion. My contribution is that each of us ought first to establish a sound personal relationship with Jesus, without which membership to any church is fruitless. Going to church, a Bible-believing church, is necessary for spiritual growth, but only when Jesus is reigning in your life and home. We truck drivers are often away from our families and church; Jesus is our church wherever we are. He is the only one who can fill the void we feel when we are away from our families. I believe that is a great comfort to truck drivers."

With scriptural references, I explained the danger of living a Christ-less life as compared to the benefits of being a saved person whose sins are forgiven. They all gladly received the Word of God, and in response Chipo (speaking for everybody) said, "We have learned new things and are encouraged by your message." Sithole and George accepted Jesus as their Saviour that day.

Delay Opens Opportunity for Ministry

By Chaplain Simon Ngobola

One Friday morning, the loading supervisor at Kalumbila Mine plant told us that we would not be loading copper concentrate that morning because the loading conveyor belt had broken down and that the engineers who were working on it estimated that the repair would take up to the afternoon. Thus, the drivers had nothing to do to pass the time until then. I saw this as an opportunity for me to share the Word of God with them. During lunch time, I invited them to assemble in the drivers' resting room for fellowship. About twelve drivers came.

By the way, some drivers have nicknamed me “Mr. New Testament” because I like sharing the Word of God from the New Testament. I often begin my messages by asking my audience of truck drivers to turn to the “ABCs of Salvation” at the back of the *Good News for Life’s Highway* magazine, and then I go through the New Testament scriptural references there.

So as usual I handed copies of the magazine to them and asked them to turn to the ABCs at the back of the magazine. After explaining that every human being stands guilty of sin before God and faces the consequential penalty of death for sin, I then explained the Good News of the gift of eternal life that God gives to anyone who believes in Jesus Christ. Everybody listened attentively and gladly received the Word of God with the seriousness it calls for. There were no distractions of cheering me on when I brought out some soul-searching truths, as often happens with other truck drivers. At the end, three truck drivers accepted Jesus. Afterwards, I remained answering personal questions which some drivers had for me.

Depressed Trucker Finds Joy in Christ

By Chaplain David Phiri

When I approached driver Nasilele, sitting in the cab of his truck, and greeted him, he barely returned my greeting, appearing to be lost in thought. After I introduced myself and my mission, he did not show any interest, and for a moment I did not know how to engage him in conversation.

Asking for the leading of the Holy Spirit, I said, “You may be wondering why we have a ministry of preaching the Word of God to truck drivers. Well, it is because a truck driver is a very important and essential person to our society. To begin with, the work you do was given by God for sustenance of His creation. Imagine if there were no truck drivers! Industries would grind to a halt, shops would be empty, hospitals would run out of medicine and other medical essentials, and countries would literally come to a standstill!”

Nasilele interrupted me, adding to the list many other areas where a truck driver renders his services, then he said, “Yet many people do not give us any credit and look down on us like we do not deserve respect.”

I assured him that God valued them! I said, “God sees the sacrifice that you truck drivers make when you leave your homes and families for long periods of time, just to bring these essentials to His people. Each time the wheels of your truck are turning on the highway, you are literally riding on…”

“Death!” Nasilele interrupted me again.

“I would not have said it so graphically,” I said. “I was going to say ‘danger’.”

“But reality is reality,” Nasilele said.

“Well, you have said it yourself,” I said. “However, your protection comes from God, who gave you the trucking job. My job is to connect you to Him so that you may know Him in a personal way, as a son to his loving Father. In that way, you can call on Him at any time in whatever situation you may find yourself.”

At this point I shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him. When I invited him to make a decision for Christ, Nasilele brightened up and said, “Yes, sure! Let me come down.” He came down from the truck and I led him in a prayer of confession and receiving the Lord Jesus.

~ Calgary Chapel Report ~

By Chaplain Sam McIntosh

Changed Life Bears Fruit—After Many Years!

A couple of drivers had stopped at the chapel one day and we were talking when the door opened and a man came in, picked up a copy of the magazine and just sat there, reading, with the magazine hiding his face. When there was a break in the conversation, I asked him his name. He put the magazine down and I got a good look at him—and was in shock. He was a guy I'd worked for years earlier, and who laid me off one day, three days before Christmas. The reason? I'd stopped going drinking with him and the group from work, and he thought I was snubbing them. Later he heard from the guys that I had stopped drinking and wondered what made the difference in my life.

The day he came into the chapel he said he wanted to talk to me in private, so we went into the office and closed the door. He told me that the news of my position as a chaplain was all over the workplace and was the subject of quite a few jokes.

Then he started telling me about his life. He had left his wife because his two boys came home from school early one day and saw their mom in bed with a neighbor. Then he asked me if I knew he was an alcoholic. I told him I'd known that from the day I started working with him. He then asked how I managed to quit, and I told him I'd prayed and God had answered my prayer. "I don't know how to pray," he said, so I asked if he wanted me to pray for him and he said yes.

Then he told me he had been sitting behind the chapel that day, with a full bottle of whiskey, considering his choices: either drink until he died or go in and see the chaplain. I thank God he dumped the whiskey on the ground and came in. I put my hand on his shoulder and prayed that God would remove from this man all desire to drink and harm himself and draw him to saving faith in Jesus Christ. He came to our services for a few months until he got a job working Sundays. He phoned me a couple of years later and said he was sober, employed, reunited with his sons, and living a clean Christian life, and couldn't be happier. He thanked me for helping him. I told him all I did was pray—it was God who did the work!

Witnessing to One, Reaching Another

I was sitting in the Chapel with a couple of guys one very cold winter day when another driver came in saying that there was someone in the yard who needed help. He had shut his truck off the night before and gone to a hotel for the night, and when he came back that morning, he couldn't get his truck started. We went out to boost his truck and got it going, and then invited him to come to the chapel to warm up. He told us that he was originally from Jamaica, and was very thankful that we helped him. He was not a Christian and wasn't interested in letting me witness to him, but still stopped by the chapel every time he came through town.

There was a young Christian driver from Texas who came in whenever he was in town. One night, while I was in the restaurant having supper with another driver, that Texas trucker went into the chapel with another driver from Omaha, and met the Jamaican driver and two others that were there as well. Soon I got a phone call that I had better come out to the chapel and settle a dispute between a couple of them. After that was over, the driver from Jamaica started asking me questions about my past. I told him just enough to show him the amazing changes God had brought into my life. All that time, the trucker from Omaha was listening and seemed quite interested in what I was saying, but I was focused on witnessing to the Jamaican driver (who did not make a decision for Christ). I finally went home around two in the morning. Two nights later I got a phone call from Omaha—it was that driver, who said that he'd listened to me talking to the other guy, and when he left the truck stop the next morning he had an all-day-long talk with God. He figured that if God could save a black-hearted sinner like me, He could save him as well. He said that at three o'clock the next morning he called his wife and his pastor (who both had been praying for him for years) to tell them he had received Christ as his Saviour!

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The Collective

Dwayne Johnson

Love Is the Key

I'd like to talk to you this time about a very sensitive problem that I see everywhere today. I am not talking about it because it's exclusive to the trucking industry, but very well could be present. I want to talk about this because, as a former trucker, I know the people in the industry. I know the character of you, and I believe that if we start to address this issue, it could very well change the world.

You don't have to go very far today to hear about racism. Every time I turn the television or radio on, it presents itself. Every time I read the newspaper (whether old school paper or new version online), racism is there. I see and hear stories every day about someone being injured or killed because of racism.

I hear people blame it on the government, whether it's at the local level or national level. I hear people blaming other people groups, based upon the color of their skin or where they live. I see organized groups standing in the streets of our little towns and in the largest cities in the world, protesting and trying to have their voices heard, all in the name of racism.

> I believe that if we treat others with the love of Christ, we can begin to solve the problem of racism in our world today.

I really don't know whose fault it is, or whether we could even make that determination, but I do believe that we can make a difference. I believe it starts with us on a personal level. I believe that if each one of us does our part, the lives of people in this world will be changed.

Please allow me to take us to James chapter 2, in the Bible. I'd like to draw our attention to the first thirteen verses. James starts out by telling us that if you are a Christ follower (if you're not, please call the number on the cover of this magazine today; please don't wait another minute), there is no room for favoritism. We cannot show anyone any different attitude than that of Christ Jesus. It goes on to give us one example of this favoritism. In verse 2, it compares a rich man to a poor man. One dresses nice, the other doesn't. One is told to sit in a place of high regard, and the other is told to sit at his feet. Please do not be this example. It says in verse 4 that such actions make us a judge of character, and it comes with evil motives.

James goes on to say, "Did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of his kingdom, which he promised to those who love him?" Matthew 5:3 says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Going back to the book of James, in chapter 2 verse 8 he says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." That's where we need to be, folks.

If we love our neighbor as ourselves, we can stop racism. If we start to treat others the way Christ treats us, we'll get rid of racism. If we stop judging others, we'll get rid of racism. The rest of those verses in James 2 talk about walking the way we should as believers in Jesus.

I'm amazed at how this one little issue has taken such deep root in our world, but I believe that if we treat others with the love of Christ, we can begin to solve the problem of racism in our world today. Please join me.

*About the author: Dwayne Johnson is the founder and executive director of **The Trucking Collective**, an organization dedicated to bridging relationships between truckers, trucking companies, and the local church to achieve radical transformation in Jesus Christ. He describes himself as "a veteran of the United States Army, husband to Brenda, father to four amazing adult children and grandfather of a beautiful granddaughter." Check their website, **www.thetruckingcollective.org**, for many valuable resources available for professional drivers.*

HISTORY OUR STORY

Terry Wills

Moses—A Reluctant Leader

Moses did not think that he had what it took to lead people and impact the lives of his fellow Israelites. He was 80 years old when he met God in the burning bush in the desert of Midian. He was working as a shepherd for his father-in-law. The Israelites living in Egypt were being treated as slaves. They lived in very difficult conditions and were forced to work under harsh taskmasters making bricks. They cried out to God in distress for deliverance. God saw their misery and heard their cry and declared that He would rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and bring them out of that land to the promised land, a good and spacious land "flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8).

God chose Moses to go to Pharaoh and lead "His people" out of Egypt. Moses rejected God's job offer. "Who am I?" he said. "How can I lead this mission? You have the wrong guy. What if I go to them and they do not believe me or listen to me?"

Your life and story are important, and God has a special and important part of His Story to write with you specifically in mind. Despite our own story, with our less-than-stellar history, God wants to involve us in His Story. The Christian faith is based on the story of God, HIS STORY. God's overarching plan is redemption. God takes broken and fallen people and redeems them, at His expense. Throughout human history, God has chosen to interact with regular people like you and me to fulfil His plan. Each Christian, each follower of Jesus Christ, has a unique place in His Story.

God promised Moses that He would be with him, and by "His Mighty Hand" this deliverance would come to pass. He would empower Moses with the ability to do miraculous signs to demonstrate the power of God. His first miracle was when he threw down his staff and the wooden staff turned into a snake. He picked the snake up by the tail and it was transformed again into a wooden staff.

Despite the assurances from God, Moses came up with a litany of excuses why he was not able to take on this leadership role. His final excuse was that he was not a good speaker. He claimed that he was not eloquent enough to be speaking to the Pharaoh of Egypt, and he was "slow of speech and tongue." "O please Lord, send someone else to do this work," Moses pleaded. Not to be deterred from His plan, God told Moses that He would send Moses' brother Aaron to be his spokesperson. Moses would speak through Aaron.

Despite the shaky start, Moses, empowered by God and supported by Aaron, went on to lead about two million Israelite slaves out of Egypt, through the desert, to the promised land. He negotiated with Pharaoh, and with God's power called down many plagues, such as flies and grasshoppers and frogs, to persuade Pharaoh to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt. Finally, Pharaoh had enough and allowed them to leave. Moses, this same man who did everything he could to get out of the job, was responsible for leading this remarkable deliverance.

Most of us can relate to Moses and his self doubt and lack of confidence. "How can the Lord use me, with my past and my skill set (or lack thereof) to influence others for His kingdom?" we think. But, from reviewing the life of Moses, it seems clear that God is in the business of taking regular, ordinary people and using them to reach other fellow travelers with the good news that He loves them and gave His Son to die a terrible death, to give us new life and a future.

May we be encouraged to be involved in the work that God has for each of us, in our own corner of our world. Like He had for Moses, He has a job that is particularly suited to us, despite our past and feelings of inadequacy.

About the author: Terry Wills is president of Wills Transfer Limited, a fourth-generation family-owned transportation and warehousing company based in Eastern Ontario. He and his wife, Heather, have two children and six grandchildren. He is actively involved in the business along with his son Jordi. He has a passion for building teams to provide logistics solutions to their customers and sharing his faith in Jesus with others. He and his family have been long-time supporters of the ministry of TFC.

A Closing Word
From the Canadian Director

Dennis Finnamore

Are You Happy?

You might be thinking, "Happy? You don't know what I am going through today!" And you're right, I don't. I know it's hard to be happy when we're going through a difficult time, when we're facing disappointments or devastating losses, or even when it's just the irritations and insecurities of daily living. If you are like me, you may instead be tempted to mumble and grumble and complain.

In Proverbs 16:20, the Word of God says, "God blesses those who obey him; happy the man who puts his trust in the Lord" (*The Living Bible*). That puts a whole different perspective on happiness, doesn't it? I think Habakkuk, an Old Testament prophet who had his share of heartbreak, expressed it best: "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation" (Habakkuk 3:17-18). There wasn't much about which to be happy around him, but Habakkuk found in God a joy that the world could not take away from him.

We can have the same experience when we learn, with the Apostle Paul, to be "content in every circumstance" (Philippians 4:11-13). Contentment comes when we trust God, when we trust that He is working in our lives no matter what our outward circumstances are. It makes no logical sense, but I'll tell you what, it works spiritually every time.

As you travel along your way in life, trust the Lord. This will make it much easier for you to sing a joyful song—or even whistle a happy tune sometimes.

About the author: Dennis Finnamore joined the ministry of TFC in 1989 as Regional Director for the Atlantic Provinces. In October of 1991 he added to his duties being chaplain at the chapel in Lutes Mountain. In 1994 he became the Canadian Director of TFC while continuing to minister at the chapel until 2000, when Chaplain Paul Leger assumed the role of lead chaplain at that chapel, which is now in Salisbury. His goal now is to look for new, creative ways to present the Gospel to those in the trucking community.

Partnership Information

This ministry is only possible thanks to generous donations from people just like you. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to help reach truck drivers and those who are part of the trucking community throughout our world, donations can be made in one of the following ways:

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A **Admit** that you have sinned.
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
"For the wages of sin is death…" (Romans 6:23a).
God loves us and wants a relationship with us; but He is holy and perfect and our sin separates us from Him.

B **Believe** that Jesus paid God's price for our sin when He died on the cross.
"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
"…but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23b).
God sent Jesus Christ to take the punishment for our sins on Himself, dying on the cross. When He rose from the dead on Easter morning, He broke the power of sin over those who choose to accept Him as their Saviour and Lord.

C **Choose** to accept Jesus' sacrifice for you and receive the free gift of forgiveness He offers.
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved…For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'" (Romans 10:9,13).
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

You CAN know where you will spend eternity. If you want to begin a relationship with God and allow Him to become your Forgiver and Saviour, pray this prayer and believe it in your heart: "*God, I know that I have sinned and need forgiveness. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay the price for my sin so I can have a relationship with You. Today I put my trust in You. Become the leader of my life and help me to follow You from today forward. Amen*."

If you prayed this prayer, we would like to help you begin your exciting new journey. Please send us an email to transportforchrist@outlook.com and let us know, so we can help you along this road.

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