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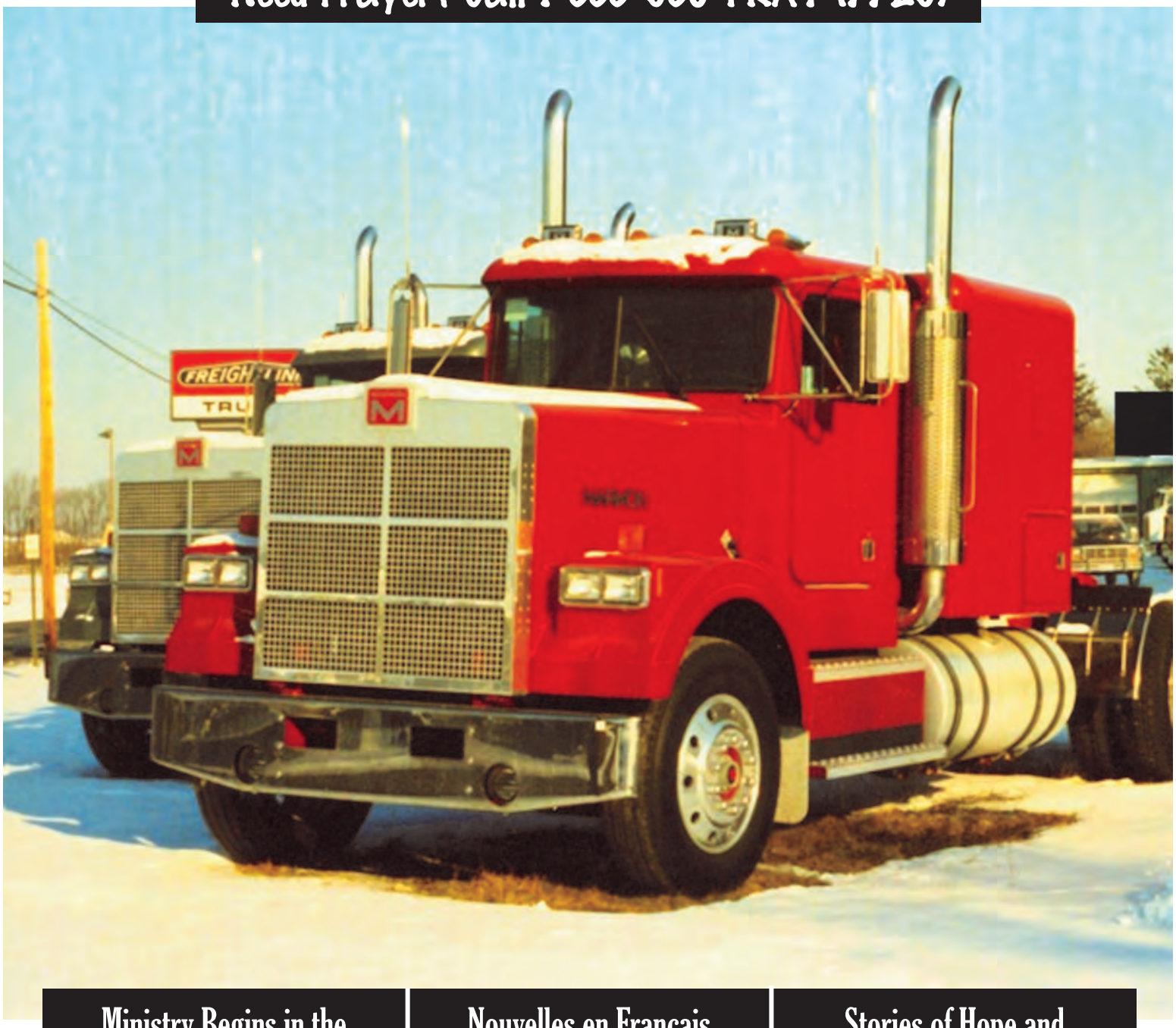

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INSIDE VIEW

Rev. Kevin Scott

I find it hard to believe that Christmas time is quickly approaching. The only thing that is really convincing me is that the days are getting so much shorter here in Canada. The evenings seem so long when it gets dark at 4:30 in the afternoon.

With Christmas coming, I was taking some time to reflect on its story—I mean the real story, the birth of Jesus Christ. I've been taking a bit of time to read the story and reflect on the characters of Christmas, all those involved. And I kind of stumbled across something interesting.

Now, there are no truck drivers in the Christmas story, which I think is pretty reasonable considering it took place over 2,000 years ago. But there is a group of people whose lives are very similar to those of drivers today. And no, it's not the Wise Men, even though they travelled for many miles. I'm thinking about the shepherds.

I believe if anyone in the Christmas story could understand what the life of a truck driver is like in 2023, it would be the shepherds. These men were a very necessary part of society; without them the whole food chain would collapse. However, they were looked down on by many, considered to be dirty and uncouth. They spent most of their time away from home, gone into the fields with the sheep for weeks and sometimes months at a time. They had to learn to fend for themselves, to solve their own problems when something arose, and with sheep (like with trucks) problems always arose. They also lived very solitary lives while working, often just themselves and their sheep, unless they were able to team up with some other shepherds and band together for safety and camaraderie.

It was into the midst of this group of people who often thought of themselves as the forgotten, that an angel appeared and announced that the Messiah, the long-awaited Saviour of the world, had been born. The angel didn't go to kings or to world leaders; the angel appeared to the humble shepherds who were just busy trying to do their jobs. What an honour was bestowed on them! And I can't help but think that, were this story happening today instead, we may have seen the angel appearing to a weary driver.

The angel's message to the shepherds 2000 years ago is the same message we proclaim today: "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—was born in Bethlehem."

If you want to take the time to read the story yourself, just google Matthew chapters 1 and 2 and Luke chapters 1 and 2. Two different accounts, told from two different people's viewpoints and experiences, but both telling the same story: that God loved humans so much that He sent His Son Jesus to come to earth and live among them. Jesus was born as a baby, helpless and dependent on others for care, and then grew to being the most influential person that ever lived. He was then crucified, as the prophets had predicted in the Old Testament of the Bible, so that he could take on Himself the sins of mankind. That's the Easter story, where Jesus took our sins and guilt and shame on Himself when he died, and then He overcame death and created a path for us to have a relationship with our Creator.

This was the first Christmas gift, and it's my prayer for you as you read through the stories in this magazine—that they will help draw you to accepting this gift for yourself. May you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year.

About the author: Kevin has accepted the role of TFC's Executive Director. He is 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 children were growing up, before joining the Overseas Ministries Team in 2012. He later stepped into the lead role of Overseas Ministries, with Murray continuing to work with him. He will continue this role as he takes over the lead role of TFC, working with the Canadian Director to make a difference in the lives of drivers everywhere. He can be reached at kevin@transportforchrist.ca .

On the cover: *A 1988 Marmon, model P57, owned by Dutchman's Truck Service (Denver, PA). Photo by Donald Hollinger.*

Ministry Begins in the Congo (DRC)

A Magazine Attracts Seven Drivers to Hear the Gospel

By Chaplain Peter Kaunda

The drivers were happy to pose for a photo with Chaplain Peter (far right).

I was sitting in the office reading an issue of *Good News For Life's Highway* magazine. When I went out for ministry at the truck stop, I was still holding the magazine in my hand. A truck driver named John approached me, curious about the magazine. He said that at a distance it looked like I was carrying a bunch of job advertisement posters, but when he saw that it was a magazine, he wanted to know what it was all about. He was fascinated with the picture of the long-nose truck on the magazine's cover—he said it reminded him of the time when he used to drive a similar truck. He said the long-nose truck had many advantages over the flat-face trucks like the one he was currently driving. John's voice was quite loud as he talked to me, and he drew the attention of six other truck drivers who were standing nearby, and they also came close to have a look at the magazine.

I pulled out more copies of the magazine from my bag and gave a copy to each one of them. After explaining what the magazine was about, I preached to them a simple Gospel message based on John 3:16, explaining what the love of God meant to us when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to come to the earth to die for sinners. Three drivers gave their lives to the Lord, and I lead them in a prayer of confession and accepting Jesus. Later, as I walked back to the office, I was filled with amazement when I reminisced on how God had used the *Good News For Life's Highway* magazine which I was holding in my hand to attract seven truck drivers to come and hear the gospel, resulting in three of them getting saved.

It Was the First Time He Had Met Anyone Preaching God's Word to Truckers

By Chaplains Caleb Kisimba and Dally Muntonji

When we met truck driver John Kaleba, he told us that he was a devout Christian before he became a truck driver, but when he started trucking, he backed down to the point of abandoning his Christianity. After we shared with him the good news of Jesus Christ as the embodiment of God's unwavering love for mankind, John was strengthened and made the decision to rededicate his life to Jesus Christ. After we prayed for him, John implored us to keep up the ministry of preaching God's Word to truckers, saying, "Keep up this work because I see that it helps many people in the trucking world. Since I started trucking, this is the first time I have met someone in a ministry of preaching God's Word to truckers."

Trucker John in the middle, between chaplains Dally and Caleb.

He added that the DRC is a unique country at a crossroads where truck drivers from many African countries meet and spend many days together, waiting at the queues. "I pray that you will have a preaching facility here at the border," he continued. "When I return to my country, I will testify about this ministry to the staff of my company. I thank God for this vision and for the person who received this vision and for the people who are carrying it on."

We told him that we already had an office in the border town of Kasumbalesa, and to stop by our office whenever he was in the area, if only to pick up a copy of the magazine.

Serving God on the Road

by Chaplain Brian Teputepu

As we get close to the end of another year, one of the biggest questions every Christian has to ask is how we have done on the task God has given us—the task of sharing His love with those we encounter each day. Many of us struggle to share our faith, or to bring the people we know to also make the decision that will change their lives. Christian drivers have many opportunities presented to share their faith, as they go to places others don't and meet new people every day.

Chaplain David Kororo, one of our Road Chaplains, has many testimonies of how he shares the good news (see an example in the report below). He says every day, before he starts off, he prays God will bring someone with whom to share the Gospel, and also the words to share. He says God has never failed to bring someone. He shares how he has even been given opportunities to share before some Driver Training Seminars! When such a door opens to share in the group, grab it and trust God to give you what to say.

One message repeated by most brothers is that our lives should reflect what we profess, so it's important to ensure your life reflects your faith. In the next edition we will take this one step further, and give you some suggestions on how to share with others.

When they arrived at the offloading point in Joburg, Chaplain David Kororo and fellow drivers were told that they would only be offloading at the next shift . The other drivers were very disappointed and protested, but Chaplain David took the opportunity to speak the Word of God to them. They were quite attentive as he encouraged them to forgive as God forgives. They prayed together and even took a photo, grateful a potentially explosive situation had been diffused.

When they returned to Zimbabwe, one of the drivers (the one squatting and wearing a reflector vest) collapsed and died whilst awaiting new loading instructions.

Driver Lawrence was made to park at InterAfrica Truck Park (Lusaka, Zambia) by his company, as they were still to get payment for the previous and new load. He put his time to good use by talking to fellow truck drivers and the people who work at that truck park. They were very receptive, and he added them to the ACTSA WhatsApp group. Some of them have become very active in the group.

Walking among the trucks at the Manatrade truck park, we came across a group of drivers having some drinks and talking, and we asked permission to share with them. Two walked off, but the others agreed to listen to us, and we shared the Gospel message with them. They had heard the news of a fellow trucker who had committed suicide, and were ready to listen to what we had to say. We explained how we all need Jesus Christ in our lives so He can guide us and give us strength when we meet challenges. We prayed with the group and two accepted the Lord.

Nouvelles en Français du Québec

Par Jacques Poirier, Aumônier - Saint-Liboire, Québec

Salutation à tous. J'aimerais vous partager l'histoire vécue d'un de nos chauffeurs québécois.

Il ya quelques années, mon épouse et moi étions à la maison vaquant tranquillement à nos occupations. Je me suis souvenu que j'avais quelque chose que j'avais oublié de faire à la chapelle. Habituellement le lundi je n'allais pas à la chapelle car c'était une journée consacrée aux peitits travaux domestiques. Ce lundi nous avons décidé de nous rendre à Saint-Liboire et d'accomplir cette petite tâche totalement banale en soit.

J'avais presque fini de mettre en œuvre ce travail tout-à-fait banal et un chauffeur est entré. Ce monsieur semblait vraiment accablé et son visage démontrait une détresse évidente.

J'ai demandé à mon épouse d'aller finir ce qu'elle avait entrepris dans le bureau et nous avons fermé la porte afin de protéger l'intimité de ce monsieur. Notre ami s'est avancé d'un air abattu et je lui offert de s'assoir. Il a pris place sur une chaise en face de moi. Je lui ai demandé ce qui n'allait pas et il ne pouvait même pas parler tant il était troublé.

Après quelques minutes, il a commencé à me partager ce qui l'avait autant troublé et angoissé. Il vivait des moments éprouvants suite au départ de sa conjointe. Évidemment ces situations occasionnent toujours des malentendus brutaux. Alors il avait pris la décision d'en finir et de foncer dans un viaduc à toute vitesse avec son camion. Il m'a avoué que si je n'avais pas été à la chapelle cette journée là, il se serait enlevé la vie. Je vous épargne tous les details de cette sagas, mais je dois vous avouer que ce jour là j'ai réalisé que notre grand Dieu connait toutes choses. Si je n'avais pas été sensible à la voix qui me disait d'aller à la chapelle ce lundi, il aurait pu se produire un événement dramatique.

J'aimerais vous sensibiliser à ces moments ou vous sentez que vous devez déranger votre journée et faire autre chose que ce que vous avez prévu.

Je crois sincèrement que Dieu a sauvé la vie de ce camionneur. Nous ne savons pas le moment ou nous serons le dernier espoir de quelqu'un qui est désespéré. Soyons sensibles à ces petits signes que Dieu nous envoie.

Il me fait toujours plaisirs de vous accueillir ou de répondre à un appel téléphonique.

Je vous invite à venir nous rencontrer lorsque 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.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of David Smith
By Dennis Finnamore

In Memory of Dow Foster
By Dennis Finnamore

In Memory of Floyd Page
By Dennis Finnamore

In Memory of Dick Weaver
By Donald & Alta Hollinger

HISTORY OUR STORY

Terry Wills

Saul—The King Who Lost It All

Saul, who had the distinction of being the first king of the nation of Israel, started his reign well. The Bible reports that he "…was an impressive young man, without equal among the Israelites, a head taller than any of the others." He was extraordinarily gifted, yet both his leadership and his life ended in ruins. How could that have happen?

Since the Israelites became a nation, God had used leaders such as Moses and Joshua, judges like Gideon, and prophets like Samuel to lead them. As we reflect on their history, we can see God's hand working on their behalf. He brought them out of bondage in Egypt, led them through the Red Sea, provided for them during the 40 years in the desert, and gave them the promised land of Israel. Yet despite God's track record of guiding them and providing for them, the Israelites wanted to be ruled by a king just like other nations. Although this was a rejection of God's direct leadership, He did allow them a king and instructed the prophet Samuel to anoint Saul as king of Israel.

Your life and story are important, and God has a special part of His Story to write with you specifically in mind. Throughout human history, He 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.

Saul began his reign at age 30. In his early days as king, he followed the Lord, won the hearts of the people, and was successful in battle. He led with humility and dependence on God. But as time went on, he increasingly displayed a lack of dependency and faith in God. On one occasion, when neighboring nations threatened war, rather than waiting for the prophet Samuel to arrive to offer sacrifices before going into battle (as he had been told to do), Saul panicked and made these sacrifices himself. When confronted by Samuel, Saul blamed his soldiers for being afraid and starting to desert him, and Samuel for being late in arriving for the ceremony.

At another battle, Saul had been instructed by the Lord to attack an archenemy of Israel and destroy everything. He did go to battle but the Bible tells us that his obedience to the Lord's command was partial: "But Saul and the people spared…the best of the sheep, the oxen, the more valuable animals, the lambs, and everything that was good…but everything despicable and weak, that they completely destroyed" (1 Samuel 15:9). When confronted by Samuel, he claimed that the people had spared the best of the sheep and oxen "to sacrifice to the Lord." Samuel saw through his deception and declared, "To obey is better than sacrifice." Because Saul had rejected the command of the Lord, the Lord rejected Saul as king of Israel.

Saul's life was then characterized by anger, depression, pride, and long stretches where he was consumed with jealousy and sought to destroy David, who would become the next king. In his later years, his reign and life were filled with bitterness. At the end, in a fierce battle all his sons were killed and he himself was badly wounded. To avoid being taken prisoner or killed by his enemies, he took his own life.

Although gifted in so many ways, Saul ended his service for God, his reign, and his life badly.

In God's economy, a productive life is not dependent on our gifts and talents, but rather on faithful obedience to God's Word and using what He has given us to do the work He prepared for us. Each of us, although not perfect and probably not gifted as Saul, can share the good news of Jesus with those in our circle of influence. God has equipped us to do His work where we are.

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.

The Collective

Dwayne Johnson

Share Your Patience

If you are a Christ follower, then you know that part of our responsibility is to look more and more like Christ each day (if you're not sure you're a Christ follower, then please contact someone from this publication at the number on the cover so that you can know for sure). The Bible gives us several examples of what this should look like. One of those is found in the book of Galatians chapter 5, verses 22 and 23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Today I'd like to focus on just one of those here. That one is patience. If there is ever a place where I struggle with patience, it's when I'm behind the steering wheel. I know that I'm preaching to the choir here, but the stress that comes with traffic jams, inclement weather, and the driving public that doesn't seem to either know or care about what it takes to start, stop and maneuver a big truck, challenges my composure.

> If there is ever a place when I struggle with patience, it's when I'm behind the steering wheel.

James chapter 5 shares in more detail how we are to respond when stress comes into our lives. Verse 7 starts off with telling us to "be patient until the coming of the Lord" (easier said than done, right?). This is a long-term attitude.

He then follows it up with the example of a farmer. A farmer doesn't get upset when the short-term weather doesn't look promising; he waits for the "early and late rains" which have a long-term effect on his crops. Verse 8 then says that we too need to be patient, just like the farmer. Don't let short-term troubles affect who you are as a Christ follower. We all know that complaining usually follows a stressful situation that requires patience. Verse 9 says that we should not complain against others, because if we do, we won't look like Christ; besides, we will be judged for our angry hearts.

Verses 10 and 11 give us a couple of examples of the type of patience that pleases God. First, is of the Old Testament prophets that watched the Israelites complain and lose patience with God time after time: "As an example… of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We count those blessed who endured." And then, of course, there is Job, who watched his life crumble around him, and yet he still professed trust in God (and God rewarded his faithfulness, restoring all he had lost).

Verse 11 tells us that the reason is the same for those examples as it is for us. It says that "the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful." James doesn't stop there. Verse 12 tells us that we are to be so patient that our yes should be yes, and our no should be no.

To sum this up, we should be confident enough in the Lord that we won't lose our tempers and patience with short-term things. We should be so confident in the Lord that we remain patient, share that with others, and therefore look more and more like Christ each and every day.

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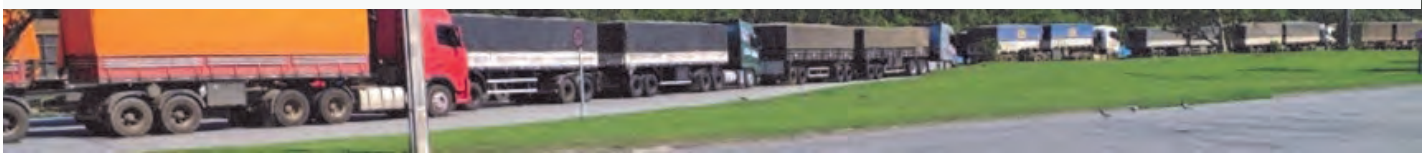
From Brazil: Stories of Hope and Restoration

As reported by Chaplain Marcelo da Silva Soares



"That Is What I Need!"

After our morning walk around the truck lot of the Paranaguá Port, greeting truckers and talking to them, we returned to the chapel and were followed by trucker Luciano who, without so much as an introduction, asked, "Could someone say a prayer for me?" I told him we would be happy to pray for him, but asked if it was okay if we talked for a while first so we would know better how to pray for him. When I asked him about his family, he said, "The loss of my family is the reason I need prayer." And he told us that he was a drug addict, and even though he tried to overcome his habit many times, he had not been successful. With tears he said that his wife, unable to take the situation any longer, had left him and he was not allowed to see his children. He was disappointed with himself and feeling hopeless.

We explained to Luciano that only God could change his situation and give him the strength to overcome his habit. When we asked him if he would like to pray committing his life to Christ, he said, "That is what I need!" We prayed with him as he dedicated life to Christ. We have kept in touch with Luciano, sharing God's Word and making sure he is standing firm in his decision. He tells us he is doing well and is back to work. We continue to pray for the restoration of his family.

Prayers Answered, Couple Starts New Life in Christ

Alexandre stopped by the chapel back in June, asking for prayer as he was going through some serious financial problems and didn't know what to do. Before praying for him, I asked if he believed God could solve his problem, and he said he did. We prayed for him and he continued his journey, feeling more hopeful.

This past September 19th, Alexandre returned to the chapel with his wife, Daniele, to thank us for praying for him, and that God had resolved the difficult problem he was going through at the time. Then he told us he had brought his wife along this time because he wanted us to pray for her, as she was battling depression. We asked Daniele the same question we had asked her husband before—did she believe that God could solve her problem? She said she did, so we prayed for her.

Before they left, we asked if they attended church and they said they didn't. Realizing they did not have anyone ministering God's Word to them, we explained the Gospel and then asked if they would like to commit their lives to Jesus Christ; to the glory of God, both Alexandre and Daniele prayed accepting Jesus as their Saviour.

Imbituba Chapel Report

Our ministry at the Simon Truck Stop in Imbituba some days is limited to helping truckers in practical ways, offering blood pressure and blood sugar level checks. However, often such help results in truckers talking about the stresses of the road and being away from home for extended periods of time. That, in turn, many times opens the door for counseling and prayer. Like it happened with Julio Cesar.

In was Sunday, Father's Day (which in Brazil is celebrated in August) and Chaplain Joel was on duty at the Simon Truck Stop. Walking the lot, he met Julio Cesar, and as they talked, he noticed that the trucker seemed depressed. Asked if everything was all right, Julio Cesar explained that he wished he could be with his family on Father's Day instead of being away from his children on such an important day. Chaplain Joel spent time with him, encouraging him and giving him a Bible. That's when Julio Cesar confessed that he had strayed from the path of faith more than twenty years before. Asked if he would like to recommit his life to Christ, Julio Cesar said, "Oh, yes, I need that," and he prayed with the chaplain.

Campo Grande Tent Ministry

Ministry at Posto Platinão in Campo Grande (central-west area of Brazil) at this time is happening on Tuesdays and Thursdays, under the leadership of Pastor Marcelo (not to be confused with Chaplain Marcelo). Our team offers truckers blood pressure checks along with friendship, counseling and prayer—as it happened with Dirceu, who came by on his way home to the state of São Paulo. He had his blood pressure checked, and Pastor Marcelo shared words of hope, love and faith with him and prayed for him. He was far from home, and appreciated the kindness extended to him.

Posto Platinão management is analyzing the possibility of financially maintaining a chaplain in that location. Please join us in prayer about it.

Paraguay Ministry Update

Chaplain Heriberto met driver Cristian Rodriguez, from Argentina, as he was passing through Puerto Falcon. As they talked, Cristian said that he was once an evangelical minister, preaching the Word of God, but had left the ministry and his faith quite a while back. As they talked, Chaplain Heriberto was able to minister God's love to Cristian, reminding him of the importance of a relationship with Christ Jesus. That day driver Cristian Rodriguez was reconciled with His Master, Jesus Christ.

Ongoing Ministry

- Every Wednesday morning, Chaplain Marcelo brings a message from the Word of God to the employees and directors of the SUDMAR Transportation Company. He is also available to assist with counseling and prayer when there is a need.
- Every Friday there is a livestream on Facebook, with a devotional word from a chaplain, and often also singing of hymns.
- Trucker Chaplain Leandro continues his ministry as he travels the highways, sharing God's Word with the truckers he comes in contact with.
- And chaplains continue serving truckers with free haircuts and blood pressure checks.

Reports from the Pathfinder II Chapel

Sharing God's Care Where the Rubber Meets the Lot

Ministry of Prayer

- Had a visitor from London, originally from Woodstock, who said he'd never seen the chapel when it was at the T/A in Woodstock. He is a believer and came in to ask for prayer for his brother-in-law who has cancer.
- Driver Steve dropped in for a time of sharing about a friend who drowned while out swimming and he is feeling responsible. I tried to help him, sharing a devotional and then praying for him. He thanked me and left feeling more peaceful.
- A driver from Burlington came in, asking for prayer for a bad situation he is facing—he is still owed money from a previous employer. I prayed for him, asking God to intervene, giving him and his legal counsel wisdom on how to handle the situation. He took a magazine before he left.
- Driver Paul walked over and spent a while talking with me as he had a break before heading back to the yard in Woodstock. He said the automotive industry is slow right now so he's only getting four days of work a week. I prayed for him, for safety on the road and for more work to come in.

Ministry of Encouragement

- Calvin, from the Forest City Church in London, stopped me at the truck stop and told me he is not a driver but wanted to encourage us to keep on with the ministry here. (Chaplains need encouragement, too!)
- Had a visit from driver Steve. We had a great chat about the Lord; he is a Christian, but being on the road doesn't give him time to read the Bible. He is interested in the end times, so we discussed that. He said he is the only believer in the family, so I prayed for them. He left feeling encouraged.
- I walked the lot handing out copies of the magazine, and drivers thanked me for them. One of them commented that it gave him something to do!
- I saw R., a dump truck owner, and had a good talk with him. I gave him a copy of the new magazine and he was glad to take it, saying that he had read all the ones that I had given him before. I told him that I prayed for him and he thanked me for that.

Giving a Helping Hand

- Had a young man named Henry come to the chapel asking if I had any tools, as he had just picked up a used tractor in Toronto and needed to fuel up but couldn't get the fuel cap off. I checked my tool bag but didn't have a big enough wrench, so I borrowed one from the truck stop and helped him get the cap off. He was very thankful for my help, and also for the magazine I gave him. I told him about the chapel and wished him a safe journey.
- The yard seemed fairly quiet when I arrived, but I noticed that one tuck had its hood up so I went over and saw that it was the gravel hauler that parks here. He was working on the truck and I noticed there was a lot of coolant on the ground. He said it had started leaking around the water pump and he had pulled it off and replaced the gaskets and was trying to fill it back up, so I gave him a hand. He got the truck started and thanked me. I had a Punjabi Gospel of John with me, so I asked him if he read Punjabi and he said yes; we talked a bit about that and he said he would take the book and read it.

- ***Photo on right:*** *The Drumbo Truck Stop (site of the Pathfinder II Chapel) serves many Punjabi-speaking drivers, so a sign was placed on the chapel, with John 3:16 in Punjabi, French and English.*

A Closing Word
From the Canadian Director

Dennis Finnamore

JESUS Is the Reason for the Season

As I think about Christmas in this post-Christian environment that we live in, it is evident that Christ has been taken out of the celebration. How many in our culture truly grasp what—or rather, Who—we are celebrating?

I decided to do some research about it. Where would I go to find an answer? I went to the most "trusted source" of information today, of course, and this is what Google had to say: "Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world."

With that being said, we realize that here in North America Christmas has become very much commercialized. Many forget that the true meaning of Christmas is giving, a giving that started with God. Jesus was born into this world to give His life for the sins of the world. He sacrificed everything to fulfill his Father's plan. Jesus started His life in a wooden manger and died on a wooden cross to fulfill God's plan of redemption for each and every person on earth. Jesus gave His life to redeem you and me. Yet our culture seems to have obliterated Him from the celebration of His birthday!

Let's boldly declare Christ in Christmas by telling others about Him. Let's boldly declare Christ in Christmas by giving generously to those in need and Christian ministries. Let's boldly declare Christ in Christmas by inviting someone over for a meal or a cup of coffee and sharing the true message and meaning of the holiday.

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 (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.
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Do you know where you will spend eternity? You can – it's as easy as ABC...

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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