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INSIDE VIEW

Every trucker knows this: even a small problem can cause big trouble on the road. A ten-cent fuse can sideline a $150,000 rig. Or take something as simple as an air filter. It's not flashy. It doesn't make noise. It just sits there doing its job—until it gets clogged. When that happens, your engine can't breathe right. You lose power, burn more fuel, and things start running rough. It might not break down right away, but over time, your whole rig suffers. It's the same in life.

When we don't put God first, it might not seem like a big deal at first. Skipping prayer. Missing church. Trying to handle things our way. We tell ourselves, *"I'm fine. I've got this."* But slowly, just like that plugged filter, our spiritual life starts getting bogged down. We lose our peace. We get frustrated. We feel like we're running on fumes.

The Bible says in Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Don't lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, submit to Him, and He'll make your path straight."*

God doesn't want to be your co-pilot—He wants to be in the driver's seat. God isn't just meant to ride along in the passenger seat—we're called to hand Him the keys, let Him drive, and trust Him with the route. When He's in the driver's seat, our lives move with direction, purpose, and strength. But when we hold on to control, even in small ways, we begin to sputter and stall.

Let's be honest: trying to run your life without God up front is like ignoring a clogged filter. Things might seem okay for a while, but you're putting stress on the system. You can't run full power when you're carrying junk in your heart—worry, pride, anger, unforgiveness, or just too much busy-ness.

That's why it's important to do regular heart maintenance. Ask God to show you what's getting in the way. He's not looking to beat you down—He wants to set you free, help you breathe easy again, and get you back on the right road.

Psalm 139:23-24 is a powerful prayer for this kind of spiritual maintenance: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."* The good news? Just like swapping out an air filter, it doesn't take much to get back on track. A moment of honest prayer, a step toward surrender, and God begins a work of renewal. He clears out the debris, restores our strength, and gets us back on the road with fresh purpose.

Maybe lately you've felt like something's not right. You're tired, short-tempered, or just not hearing God like you used to. That could be your "check engine" light. Don't ignore it. God's ready to help—you just have to ask.

And if you need someone to talk to, you're not alone out there. You can always **stop in at one of our Transport For Christ chapels.** Our chaplains are there for you—to listen, to pray, and to walk with you through whatever you're facing.

Or **call our DriversMatter.ca Chaplain at 249-506-0100.** Day or night, we're here for you.

Don't wait for a breakdown. Let God take the wheel. Clean out the stuff that's slowing you down. Trust Him with the route, and you'll find peace, strength, and a smoother ride—no matter what road you're on.

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On the cover: A 2000 Peterbilt 379, Cummins N14, with 2.5 million miles; owned by Leo Vinette, driving for Showcase Carriers, Chilliwack, BC.

— Going Right Where They Are —

Chaplain Len Reimer is not allowing a physical challenge to affect his ministry to the drivers.

"We need to go to where the drivers are," says Chaplain Len Reimer—a motto he has faithfully lived out for years. Rather than waiting for drivers to come to him, Len has always believed in meeting them right where they are.

As the Lead Chaplain at the truck stop in Drumbo, Ontario, Len has long ministered to drivers across the large parking area. But following recent bypass surgery, getting around the lot became more challenging. Still committed to his mission, Len found a creative solution: he now uses a golf cart, proudly marked with the TFC logo, to visit drivers throughout the lot.

With this simple but effective approach, Len continues to connect with drivers, offering encouragement, prayer, and support—right where they are.

What's Up in Winnipeg?

By Rev. Kevin Scott

Something real is happening at the truck stops around Winnipeg. Chaplain Harvey Thiessen doesn't have a fixed chapel—he brings the message of hope straight to where drivers are. And lately he is seeing a growing spiritual hunger among the men and women behind the wheel.

One recent encounter stood out. Harvey met two Punjabi drivers who were open, curious and full of questions. They invited him into the cab of their truck where one of them opened up with deep, honest questions about life, faith, and truth. Harvey listened closely, shared what the Bible says, and introduced them to Jesus, the One who offers real peace and purpose. By the end of their talk, both men chose to follow Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Chaplain Harvey ministers at truck stops like this Flying J in Headingley, Winnipeg.

Not every story ends the same way. Harvey often meets people who've been hurt by religion, those who follow other beliefs, and even strong Christian drivers living boldly for their faith. But no matter who he meets, Harvey and his new volunteer chaplain both take the time to hear their story and show them the love of God.

So, what's up in Winnipeg? God is reaching out. Lives are being changed—not through pressure or preaching, but through real conversations, honest questions, and the power of Jesus to meet people right where they are. Maybe He's reaching out to you, too.

HISTORY OUR STORY

Elijah: Standing Alone But Not By Himself

The 9th century B.C. was a dark time in the history of Israel. The nation was ruled by King Ahab. The Bible records his legacy: "Ahab…did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him" (I Kings 16:30). He married Jezebel, the infamous Phoenician princess who promoted the worship of the false god Baal. She supported hundreds of Baal's prophets and had many of the Lord's prophets killed.

One of the prophets of the true God left in the land was Elijah. His name means "the Lord is my God". There is very little detail recorded about Elijah, other than he was from an obscure village called Tishbe. We know nothing about his family, his background, his age or social status—only that the Bible reports he was recognized as a man of God and that the word of the Lord from his mouth was the truth (see 1 Kings 17:24).

Elijah visited King Ahab and proclaimed: "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word" (1 Kings 17:1). This was a direct challenge to Baal, the god of the storm and rain. A severe drought ensued, and Elijah became a wanted man and had to go into hiding.

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.

After three years the Lord sent Elijah to visit King Ahab again. When Ahab saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" (1 Kings 18:16). "'I have not made trouble for Israel,' Elijah replied. 'But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals'" (1 Kings 18:18). Elijah instructed Ahab to summon the people from all over Israel, as well as the prophets of Baal and the prophets of Asherah, to meet him on Mount Carmel. When they were gathered, Elijah addressed the people, saying, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him, but if Baal is God, follow him" (1 Kings 18:21).

Elijah issued a challenge to the 450 prophets of Baal: "Take a bull, prepare it for a sacrifice, lay it on wood but do not set it on fire. Then call on the name of your god to send down fire for the burnt offering. I will do the same. The god who answers by fire…he is GOD." All the people agreed, saying, "What you say is good" (1 Kings 18:25). Despite the prophets of Baal calling and shouting, dancing, and even cutting themselves with swords and spears all day long, there was no response from Baal.

Finally, Elijah said: "Come here to me." As all the people approached, he repaired the altar of the Lord, built a trench around the structure, and laid the wood and the bull on it. He then instructed the people to douse the altar with water. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench around it. Then Elijah boldly stepped forward and prayed to the Lord, "Let it be known today that you are God in Israel, and that I am Your servant and have done these things at Your command." Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and even licked up the water in the trench. When the people saw this, they fell in worship and cried, "The Lord, He is God!"

The Lord allowed rain to fall again on the land.

Elijah, a non-descript man from an obscure village, had the courage to single-handedly stand up for the true God. The Lord used him to influence that nation for truth in his generation. As Jesus followers, may we follow the example of Elijah and be courageous ambassadors for the Lord, using every opportunity to follow Him and share His love and truth with those around us.

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.

The Collective

Dwayne Johnson

True Joy

You don't have to go very far today to find trouble. Whether it's in your own life, your family, your town, your state or your country, it seems like trouble is everywhere. It also feels even worse than I can ever remember in the past. In addition to the difficulties elsewhere, I also observe people trying to make sense of the bad things happening around them.

Ultimately, people are looking for joy, peace and a comfortable life. I talk to a lot of drivers that seek these things in materialism. Things they can touch and feel, things like new trucks, nicer cars, more money, bigger houses, longer boats, new wives or new husbands, and new jobs—all the while thinking that these things will bring them the joy they are so desperately seeking. If you haven't already found out that these things don't bring you true joy, let me tell you, they don't. Don't get me wrong, new things are not bad in themselves, but if you're looking for them to satisfy your longing for true joy, you're looking in the wrong spot. Even though they may feel joyful at first, that feeling will soon fade away and you'll be left with that familiar feeling all over again.

Philippians chapter three gives us a glimpse of where true joy comes from. In verse one, it starts right out with the Apostle Paul telling the church in Philippi to rejoice. Now he's told them this before but doesn't mind telling them again. "Rejoice!" In verse two he tells them to watch out for the "dogs"—by that he means evil doers and those who mutilate the flesh. Paul addresses these things specifically because people were trying to set themselves apart from the others by doing these very things. Physical circumcision was practiced as a religious rite by the Israelites to let others know that they belonged to God, that they were set apart for Him.

Today, if you know Jesus as your personal Saviour, you are set apart by the Holy Spirit that lives within you for the glory of Jesus Christ. If you don't, talk to a chaplain or call the number on the cover of this publication today. Put no confidence in the things of this world. Paul goes on in the next few verses to explain that if earthly things brought joy, he'd be full of joy because of his accomplishments, which he spells right out for them. He makes it clear that's not where joy comes from. In fact, Paul considered all these accomplishments as loss and rubbish compared to the true joy found in putting your faith in Jesus. Our righteousness (being in a right relationship with God) only comes by trusting that Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we may find and live in true joy.

*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.*

Memorial Gifts

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Paulette A Weber
Tammy and Gary Skanes
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Tom Brash
Anne Hind
John and Linda Wagner
Anonymous

In Memory of Marvin Dalke

by Arvella Unger

Navigating Marriage with Faith: Wisdom for Christian Truck Drivers

By Chaplain Brian Teputepu

For those like truck drivers, who spend extended periods of time on the road, maintaining a strong and God-honouring marriage places a demand on couples. Drawing inspiration from two devoted ACTSA members, truckers Simon and George, this article seeks to offer advice from real-life experiences.

Simon's New Journey: Building a Marriage on the Rock

Simon leads our ministry to Zambian drivers and has been instrumental in bringing many to awareness of ACTSA's work. Born and raised in Luanshya, he met Chanda back in 2014 through his sister, as they attended the same church. Their friendship blossomed until they realized they were ready to solidify it in marriage, as the Bible declares in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: "*Two are better than one… for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion."*

As I learned about their upcoming wedding last month, as their "pastor" I knew I could not miss that event! The traditional ceremony included song and dancing while various food items were presented to the groom—a practice that signifies a union birthed in acceptance by the family and community.

George's 24 Years of Commitment: Walking Together in Faith

On my way back from Zambia, I visited George in Harare, Zimbabwe. He and his wife, Gugu, are some of our founding board members. When I heard he was in Harare and not feeling too well, I made it a point to visit his family. George met Gugu in their church, where they served with the youth until they were united in marriage there, and they just celebrated 24 years of marriage. George is a pastor's kid and served in the church in various capacities before going on the road as a truck driver. His mother is a retired pastor, while his father just recently accepted the Lord—at age 80! That alone speaks volumes about the role of a believing spouse in a marriage.

Practical Christian Advice for Truck Drivers on Marriage

I am sharing here some marriage wisdom that I learned from George, anchored in the Scriptures:

1. Stay Spiritually Connected: Regular prayer and Bible reading together, even electronically, form the spiritual glue. With the rise of the internet, it's easy to maintain video contact these days. You face a bigger challenge because you are away from one another, so place no limit on the number of times you call each other. (Simon is on video calls with his wife, Chanda, daily.)

2. Cultivate Open Communication: The enemy uses silence to sow discord. James 1:19 advises us to be *"quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry."* One area that can be particularly challenging is finances. I have counselled a brother in this area. Since the wife is at home while he is on the road, he leaves the bank card with her, but fights arise over the use of money. Practice open communication about the use of money and trust that your spouse means well. Problems involving extended family can also be a common issue—teach your relatives that nothing happens without your spouse's knowledge!

3. Cherish Time at Home: In the rare times that you are home, prioritize your spouse and kids over time with friends or extended family. Celebrate and appreciate each other. Whenever he is home, George makes his wife and kids a priority.

4. Trust in God's Plan: Lean on God's promises, knowing that He strengthens and restores lives and marriages. Having brought the two of you together, surely, He will protect and provide.

Conclusion: A Marriage Honoured by God

Both stories show that marriages that are grounded in the fear of the Lord and sustained by patience, communication, respect, and unwavering love, will endure and thrive. Whether newlywed or seasoned in years, let every truck driver remember the promise of Psalm 127:1: *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain."* Trust God to guide every mile of your marriage road, making it a journey of blessing, growth, and joy.

— From Sickness to the Healing Love of Jesus —

A Testimony of Redemption Told by Trucker Yona Joseph, from Tanzania

I am a truck driver based in Dodoma, Tanzania. For years, I have been transporting goods across the country—long, lonely drives through the night, from the ports of Dar es Salaam to the borders of Rwanda and Burundi. Like many truck drivers, I often ignored my health, my emotions, and even my spirit, as long as I could keep driving and providing for my family.

But in March 2024, something happened that shook my life.

I fell seriously ill. It started as fatigue, but quickly developed into chest pains, high fever, and weakness that left me unable to drive, and I had to park my truck in Chalinze. For three days I stayed in my cabin, alone, sick, and afraid. I didn't have enough money to go to a hospital, and I honestly thought I would die there in that parking lot.

But God had a plan for me.

On the third day, a group of people approached my truck. They were not health workers or government officials—they were part of Transport For Christ, a ministry reaching out to truck drivers with the love and message of Jesus Christ. One of them knocked on my window and asked if I was okay. I told them I was not. They brought me water and food and sat with me. They didn't rush. They listened.

Then they prayed and opened the Bible to Psalm 107:20: *"He sent out His word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave."* They told me that Jesus sees me, that I am not forgotten, and that He came not only to forgive sins, but to heal the broken in body and spirit. They reminded me of the love of Christ, and how He healed many, both physically and spiritually.

They also shared Isaiah 53:5 with me: "*But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed*."

That day I surrendered my life to Jesus. I repented of my sins, and I asked Him to heal me—body, soul, and spirit. After praying for me again, they helped me get to a nearby clinic and stayed in touch with me through calls and messages as I recovered.

By God's grace, I fully recovered and was back on my feet in a matter of weeks. Today, I am not only physically healed, but my heart is healed as well. I now drive with purpose. I carry the Word of God in my truck, and I share my testimony with other drivers who may be suffering in silence like I once did.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the ministry team for being the hands and feet of Jesus to truck drivers like me. You did not pass me by; you saw me in my suffering and reminded me that Jesus came for people like me—the weary, the sick, the forgotten. Because of you, the Gospel is reaching the roads. Because of you, truck drivers are meeting Jesus not just in churches, but at truck stops, parking yards, and roadside layovers. **You have brought hope to the highway!**

He listened to the chaplain but didn't respond. But the message stayed with him.

Entrusting Himself to God Made All the Difference

By Chaplain Dally

In the DRC* we are seeing clear changes in the lives of many truck drivers through the work of our ministry, giving hope to those who are in despair, comfort to those who are burdened with personal problems, and relief to those who are stressed from the pressures of the road—pressures that contribute to the many road accidents reported among truck drivers.

A few months back, during one of our field tours, we met driver David from Zambia. He was very discouraged about making trips to the DRC because of the challenges he faces there. "I don't think I will be able to continue coming here," he said. "I've been through so many difficulties over here, and I'm afraid something bad might happen to me, like an accident. I'm going to ask my company to change my itinerary."

"Difficulties exist everywhere," I said to him. "Changing the route does not guarantee peace. When you come to the Congo, you need to remember that it is God who allows you to come here and that there could be hidden blessings for you beyond the difficulties you face."

I pointed out to him that the problem is that many drivers forget to put their journey in God's hands by praying that He be in control of it. Every country has its own good and bad realities: Tanzania is not Zambia, Zambia is not Rwanda, Malawi is not Sudan, etc. "Before you leave your country, pray to God and say, 'God, go before me, and I will follow You.' Express your total faith and trust in Him as your guide and protector."

Even after my exhortation and prayer for him, David still didn't seem convinced. However, after a few months, I bumped into him again during my field ministry—and what a joyful surprise it was! He expressed his gratitude to me, saying, "Entrusting myself to God has been such a blessing. Before we met last time, I was seeing so many problems here in the DRC simply because I wasn't trusting in God. After your encouragement, I started including God in my travels by prayer and meditating on Psalm 91:1-2 every day, as you advised me. Now everything seems to be getting better every day."

I give glory to God for restoring David, and I continue to pray for him and all those who need similar encouragement, that they may put their trust in God.

"Live under the protection of God Most High and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful. Then you will say to the Lord, 'You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God, and I trust you'" (Psalm 91:1-2).

Please pray for truck drivers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who face dangerous road conditions, long hours, and frequent delays due to poor infrastructure, insecurity, and armed conflict. Many risk their lives daily to deliver essential goods across remote regions. Ask God to grant them protection, strength, and peace as they navigate volatile routes, and pray for improved safety, support, and stability for all those working in this vital yet challenging profession.

Expressing the Hope and Love of Christ to Truckers in Brazil Takes Many Forms

As reported by Chaplain Marcelo da Silva Soares

Marcio and Paulo—Rejoicing with one, still praying for the other
Truckers Marcio (in the middle) and Paulo (to his left) were listening to one of our chaplains sharing a message at the truck stop lot (something we regularly do, as pictured below, as truckers eat their meals by their trucks and pay attention to what goes on).

They both listened to the message all the way to the end and then accepted our invitation to come over to the chapel. As we talked, Marcio opened his heart and told us about serious family and financial problems he was facing. He also admitted that he felt the need to leave behind some wrong and sinful practices that were enslaving him. We prayed, and to the glory of God, Marcio accepted Jesus Christ as his only and sufficient Saviour. We continue praying for Paulo!

Allison—From giving up on life, to finding a new, meaningful one
Truck driver Alisson came to the chapel because he heard the sound of songs of praise and wanted to see what it was all about. We started a conversation by introducing ourselves and explaining our vision and purpose for being there. He really liked everything he heard. Then I asked Alisson to tell us a little about his life, and that's when I realized something wasn't right.

Alisson is separated from his wife, and they have a five-year-old daughter. Due to his explosive temperament, he says things in moments of anger that hurt people to the point that his wife no longer wants to be with him. The big problem in all of this is how seldom he now sees his daughter. The distance from his child and the long time spent on the road have made him think about taking his own life.

Alisson told me that when he got into the truck that day, his intention was to take his own life right after unloading it—but God had a different plan for him and brought him to us. After a time of counseling and prayer, Alisson decided to commit his life to Christ, accepting Him as his Lord and Saviour. We have been following up with him, sending him regular WhatsApp messages and prayers. In one of our last conversations, he told us that his wife has noticed a change in him, and now he gets to see her and his daughter often again.

Government agency holds health-related event for truckers—at the chapel!
On August 27th, an event was held at the chapel in partnership with Posto Platinão, the city health department, and the SEST SENAT (the government agency responsible for truck drivers' health), offering a variety of health-related services to drivers. In addition to our regular blood pressure checks, truckers were able to get blood glucose checks, medical advice, and vaccinations (Hepatitis B and Flu, among others). This attracted many truckers to the chapel who otherwise may not have shown interest in our mission—and some were even open to talking with the chaplains about life issues.

Nouvelles en Français du Québec

Par Jacques Poirier, Aumônier - Saint-Liboire, Québec

D'ailleurs, qui de vous peut, à force d'inquiétude,
prolonger son existence, ne serait-ce que de quelques instants.
— Matthieu 6:27

Ce passage des Saintes Écritures est très actuel. Dans les rencontres que je fais régulièrement, je perçois beaucoup d'insécurité chez des gens de tous âges. Les événements qui se déroulent autour de nous sont certes déconcertants, mais nous n'avons pas à nous laisser perturber par ces choses.

Il est évident que les comportements qu'adoptent certaines personnes sont troublants et jusqu'à un certain point déstabilisant. La situation de notre pays se dégrade d'une façon inhabituelle et pour plusieurs l'incertitude s'installe. Ce sentiment est tout à fait compréhensible car depuis les 75 dernières années le système s'est toujours comporté de manière assez stable et tout d'un coup les événements se bousculent l'instabilité s'installe dans tous les domaines de la vie séculière. L'actualité nous rapporte des drames dans différent milieux et lorsque nous ne prenons pas assez de recul face à tout ce qui nous percute et nous bouscule nous subissons des soubresauts parfois désastreux.

Dans le livre d'Ésaïe au chapitre 30 et au verset 15 le prophète prononce les Paroles que Dieu lui à donné pour son peuple et il dit : (C'est dans le retour à moi et le repos que sera votre salut, c'est dans le calme et la confiance que sera votre force, mais vous ne l'avez pas voulu!)

Allons-nous répéter l'erreur du peuple de Dieu qui s'entêtait à résister et à essayer par lui-même de se sortir de ses difficultés? L'être humain est par nature orgueilleux et rebelle, allons-nous perpétuer ce comportement, ou préférerons-nous nous en remettre à notre Dieu?

De toute évidence nous n'avons aucun moyen de prendre la situation en main et de tout remettre en place comme nous croyons que toutes les sphères de la vie sur terre devraient fonctionner.

La Parole de Dieu nous a annoncé d'avance le dénouement de l'histoire. Nous devons rester calmes et confiants sachant que ce que Dieu a prédit il l'accomplira. Alors nous savons que des temps difficiles vont venir sur l'humanité, ne soyons donc pas surpris comme si cela ne nous avait pas été révélé.

Je vous encourage à faire confiance à celui qui a tout créé. Il a mis en place tout ce que nous connaissons autant que ce qui nous est inconnu. Les yeux fixés sur Jésus et sur les promesses de sa Parole nous seront plus que vainqueurs. En regardant à Jésus, les bouleversements qui se produisent un peu partout n'atteindront pas notre foi et notre confiance en Dieu.

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Sur ces mots je vous souhaite d'avoir une vie remplie et heureuse!
Que la paix de Dieu vous accompagne!

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

A Closing Word
From the Canadian Director

Rev. Daniel Chatham

On the DRIVERSMATTER.CA website there are three bold statements for drivers: "You are not alone, you matter to us, and you matter to God." The first statement is introduced with the words "You may feel alone on the road" but "you aren't."

Unfortunately, data reveals that feeling alone is common in our busy, modern world. In fact, a worldwide Gallup poll found that 23% of adults said they felt loneliness "a lot of the day yesterday." That would mean that almost two billion people are experiencing feelings of loneliness today.

Loneliness is not necessarily the physical absence of other humans, as it is common to feel lonely in a crowded room. It is more about feeling isolated, distant, or alienated from others. One could define loneliness as the opposite of "feeling known." Deep within we all have a spiritual hunger to be known and to know others, but especially to know and be known by God. Yet, many miss getting to know God now, just as they did when Jesus was here two thousand years ago. This passage from the Gospel of John describes this reality: "He [Jesus] was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him" (John 1:10).

The good news is that Jesus can destroy your loneliness, and that is the reason we respond with the statement that you are not really alone. First, He dealt with the things that alienate you from God and invites you to realize that He already knows you. He invites you to know Him. Here is the great promise in the next part of John's Gospel: "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

Becoming a child of God changes your outlook on loneliness. Your "alone time" can turn into times of "solitude" with God. These times become wonderful quiet conversations with your loving God, in which you are never alone. But it doesn't end there. In this invitation to be a part of God's family is the opportunity to be known by others who are also a part of this family. You can begin to connect with other members of this family by visiting a church, visiting a TFC chapel, or talking with an online chaplain. To take steps away from loneliness and towards being known, visit DRIVERSMATTER.CA and reach out with the contact information you find there.

About the author: Dan joined the TFC team in April as the Canadian Director. Dan and his wife Lori have been married 41 years, and have pastored local churches for 39 of those. Dan has also served for the last dozen years as a Corporate Chaplain to one of the largest employers in his area. They have six children and nine grandchildren. Two of their sons work in the transportation industry. Dan brings a lot of passion and experience to his role and is excited to see how the Canadian ministry of TFC will develop.

Partnership Information

This ministry to the trucking industry is only possible thanks to generous donations from people like you. Tax-deductible donations can be made in one of the following ways:

In Canada:
Online: Go to www.TransportForChrist.ca and choose "donate"
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In the United States:
Go to www.gracechurchga.org/give; click the drop down menu and choose Overseas Ministries (TFC).

Or scan the QR code on the right.

Thank you for your partnership and support!

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.

Need to talk to someone? Need prayer? Or just some 'down' time? Stop by a TFC Chapel! We're there to serve you.

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Kasumbalesa Border Crossing—Chaplains Peter, Caleb & Dally
TANZANIA: The Norbert and Friends Missions
Arusha Mobile Ministry—Chaplains Peter & Jeremiah
ZAMBIA: Gospel Servants Ministries
Chirundu Border Crossing—Chaplain David and Team
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