

## NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2016

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Greetings and grace to all in Penn West Conference! We appreciate your partnership in this marketplace outreach. The Breezewood Trucker and Traveler Ministry is blessed to record the following:

(2013)	(2014)	(2015)	(2016)	
750	548	1033	865	trucker contacts.
1350	817	1258	1132	traveler contacts.
497	631	663	670	employee/staff contacts.
69	67	69	72	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
141	94	91	91	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
295	238	237	281	pastoral care calls in the community.
798	875	947	1412	food resource provided.
72	134	108	74	nights of lodging provided.
79	69	44	46	persons assisted with gasoline.
60	59	71	76	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
36	40	58	54	food bank/coupons, showers, cash, or clothing.
124	94	69	51	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
245	260	205	240	Bibles or New Testaments given.
125	115	126	185	families/individuals served during Christmas food drive.
13	15	12	10	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
23	23	23	26	ministry presentations/preaching
97	90	92	95	Bible studies/ prayer service/ worship offered.
1954	2213	2149	2107	professional staff hours worked.
1837	1875	1930	1411	hours served by volunteers.

**Member: National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplaincy.**

**Student Chaplains: Four Wesley Theological Seminary students completed 10 day "Immersion."**

**And a Semester Intern from Evangelical Seminary of Myerstown, PA.**

The business community of Breezewood continues to make adjustments, improvements, and renovations as the red carpet of welcome is laid out for the professional truck drivers, travelers, and local patrons as well. Businesses actively recruit an energetic and talented work force to carry on the traditions of outstanding hospitality. As customer expectations are changing rapidly(as well as the tools of marketing, eg: social media), Breezewood is not the only business community attempting to reinvent itself and provide the consumer with a product or service that satisfies. With advertising beacons and billboards that shine 24/7, Breezewood seeks to offer more than an anonymous good meal, or a quiet night's rest. Through a cadre of compassionate and faithful local staff(and residents), there is a ministry of Biblical hospitality that comes to life on a daily basis. We give thanks for the numerous partners in ministry who extend and multiple the hands, feet, and words of Christ to a "hurry up" world racing through the highways in Breezewood, and everywhere else in our day and age. This truth remains: when all is said and done, pursuing and exercising a relationship with God through Christ is the only worthwhile race to run. Daily, we consider ourselves blessed to be on the "marketing" end of presenting Christ among the many precious souls who pass this way.

We give thanks for the numerous partner churches, businesses, and organizations who partner with us through prayers, resources, ministry projects, and committee work! A special thank you to Sally Seifert(St. John's, Bedford), Paul Claycomb(UCC retired), and Jenny Pittman(St. John's, Bedford) for their outstanding service on the Management Committee! We thank God for the opportunities to share a Christian witness in the marketplace!

**DO YOUR NEON LIGHTS OF FAITH ATTRACT ATTENTION?**