

NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2017

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

(2014)	(2015)	(2016)	(2017)	
548	1033	865	1011	trucker contacts.
817	1258	1132	1424	traveler contacts.
631	663	670	598	employee/staff contacts.
67	69	72	93	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
94	91	91	115	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
238	237	281	255	pastoral care calls in the community.
875	947	1412	1258	food resource provided.
134	108	74	52	nights of lodging provided.
69	44	46	26	persons assisted with gasoline.
59	71	76	101	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
40	58	54	26	travel bags, showers, gift cards, cash, or clothing.
94	69	51	97	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
260	205	240	255	Bibles or New Testaments given.
115	126	185	155	families/individuals served through Christmas food drive.
15	12	10	11	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
23	23	26	26	ministry presentations/preaching
90	92	95	97	Bible studies/ prayer service/ worship offered.
2213	2149	2107	2047	professional staff hours worked.
1875	1930	1411	1964	hours served by volunteers.

Member: National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplaincy.

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

The business of hospitality leaves a lasting impact through personal attention and good people skills. The "product" (whether a meal, fuel, shopping, or lodging) cannot be well delivered without attentive "service." In today's wired world, our personal interactions are quickly being replaced by a multitude of social media contacts and google searches. Travelers can even get on an "app" and order a meal before arriving in Breezewood. Electronic convenience cannot replace sincere expressions of care, concern, interest, and love: the hallmarks of Biblical hospitality. A ministry of hospitality leaves an eternal impact when the love of Christ pours a deposit of the Holy Spirit into a person's heart. People can be changed forever and profoundly "fed" when one "beggar" shows another "beggar" where to find bread. Are we not all beggars in need of the eternal food source? As a ministry of Jesus Christ within the highway community of Breezewood, we continue to pray our way in a transient world, meeting each trucker or traveler or staff person where they are, sharing the road map(Bible) we have found to navigate the detours of life. The gospel is a precious gift to share; we give thanks to God for the opportunities to enter into the lives of those who live and labor on the highway. We are entrusted with the sacred stories of their journey, inviting them to a feast with the King!

Thank you to each partner church, business, and individual who supports and encourages the ministry in Breezewood. Your involvement makes a difference. Prayers, committee work, hospitality tables, transportation assistance, financial resources, ministry projects, and so much more have blessed this mission at the crossroads! Thank you!

A MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY CAN HAVE AN ETERNAL IMPACT. . .