

NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

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

(2015)	(2016)	(2017)	(2018)	
1033	865	1011	1168	trucker contacts.
1258	1132	1424	1429	traveler contacts.
663	670	598	764	employee/staff contacts.
69	72	93	82	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
91	91	115	143	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
237	281	255	261	pastoral care calls in the community.
947	412	1258	1041	food resource provided.
108	74	54	85	nights of lodging provided.
44	46	26	36	persons assisted with gasoline.
71	76	101	145	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
58	54	26	23	travel bags, showers, gift cards, cash, or clothing.
69	51	97	271	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
205	240	255	195	Bibles or New Testaments given.
126	185	155	285	families/individuals served through Christmas food drive.
12	10	11	14	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
23	26	26	32	ministry presentations/preaching
92	95	97	93	Bible studies/ prayer service/ worship offered.
2149	2107	2047	2177	professional staff hours worked.
1930	1411	1964	1830	hours served by volunteers.

Member: National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplaincy.

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

Building and nurturing "connections" and relationships is an important task in any human endeavor, and especially so in the work environment of the highway. Solitude can be a gift in a frenetically paced world for a trucker or a traveler, but heart to heart connections with others can not be replaced. Healthy communications and human interactions at a travel plaza build and nurture "connection" and relationships. Loneliness can be brutal, and damages emotional well-being. We need time to ourselves after a busy day or week (such as Jesus did when he ventured to the mountainside to spend time with his Father in Matthew 14), but our spiritual, emotional, and mental functions need community and the connections which the body of Christ can offer. The ministries of hospitality in Breezewood are a work of "attraction" and invitation to a fellowship banquet with the King, whether through weekly Bible studies, work place prayers, offering food, care packages, lodging, hospitality tables, or responding to the myriad of travel or work dilemmas that present themselves in this setting. Building community is an intentional choice and a considerable challenge in today's technological and uncertain times. We give thanks for our friends on the road, and the staff that serve them in Breezewood. This ministry has been invited to be present and active with in the business locations of a trucker's town; we don't take that for granted.

Thank you to each partner church of Penn West Conference, business, and individual who supports and encourages the ministry in Breezewood. A special thank you to Sally Seifert and Jenny Smith (St. John's, Bedford) for their involvement on the Management Committee. Your partnership makes a difference in this mission at the crossroads!

MAKING HEART TO HEART CONNECTIONS IN JESUS.