

## NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2019

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

(2016)	(2017)	(2018)	(2019)	
865	1011	1168	1043	trucker contacts.
1132	1424	1429	1213	traveler contacts.
670	598	764	743	employee/staff contacts.
72	93	82	69	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
91	115	143	132	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
281	255	261	273	pastoral care calls in the community.
412	1258	1041	1231	food resource provided.
74	54	85	108	nights of lodging provided.
46	26	36	37	persons assisted with gasoline.
76	101	145	164	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
54	26	23	45	camping gear, bags, showers, gift cards, cash, or clothing.
51	97	271	117	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
240	255	195	202	Bibles or New Testaments given.
185	155	285	210	families/individuals served through Christmas food drive.
10	11	14	9	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
26	26	32	22	ministry presentations/preaching
95	97	93	89	Bible studies/ prayer service/ worship offered.
2107	2047	2177	2130	professional staff hours worked.
1411	1964	1830	2323	hours served by volunteers.

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

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

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." These are powerful words of promise from Matthew 28 which have been "proclaimed" on a banner outside the ministry door for years. We thank God for his faithfulness, especially so in a year when yet more businesses have closed doors. Taco Bell and Flying J Travel Plaza are now shuttered, and the words of promise are a rock for the shifting sands of a competitive business environment. As a workplace chaplaincy, we are in high gear with pastoral care among those who have lost jobs, and try to understand a system of justice(bankruptcy court) which seems impotent to stop the train wreck of greed. Years of highway community and relationships among staff, truckers, and travelers has been sacrificed on the altar of greed. Pray that God will reveal His providence as former staff seek jobs elsewhere. And in time, perhaps the old business locations will find new purpose and/or product. Sometimes a walk in the desert of broken businesses reveals the seeds of new opportunities.

We continually thank God for the precious fellowship we share with our brothers and sisters living and laboring on the highways. Bibles studies continue. Hospitality Tables continue to multiply Christ's love. Food, fuel, care packages, transportation, and emergency lodging continue to meet needs at the street level. We appreciate the coordination we endeavor with the myriad of health, substance abuse, and social service agencies for those who come to us with issues such as opiod addiction, domestic violence, chronic health issues, money management problems, and homelessness. Words of promise sustain the work of ministry in this setting and set the tone for a management team who plan and organize ministry events and resources in very creative ways. A special thank you to Sally Seifert and Jen Smith(St. John's, Bedford)!

**(JESUS SAYS) I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. . . . .**