

NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

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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:

(2017)	(2018)	(2019)	(2020)	
1011	1168	1043	331	trucker contacts.
1424	1429	1213	397	traveler contacts.
598	764	743	477	employee/staff contacts.
93	82	69	48	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
115	143	132	91	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
255	261	273	184	pastoral care calls in the community.
1258	1041	1231	1041	food resource provided.
54	85	108	199	nights of lodging provided.
26	36	37	44	persons assisted with gasoline.
101	145	164	48	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
26	23	45	55	camping gear, bags, showers, gift cards, cash, or clothing.
97	271	117	131	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
255	195	202	82	Bibles or New Testaments given.
155	285	210	105	families/individuals served through Christmas food drive.
11	14	9	1	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
26	32	22	14	ministry presentations/preaching
97	93	89	22	Bible studies/ prayer service/ worship offered.
2047	2177	2130	1803	professional staff hours worked.
1964	1830	2323	1379	hours served by volunteers.

Member: Spiritual Care Association(Professional).

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

A prayer card from a 22 year old professional driver from Florida, slipped under the ministry office door: "I believe God has abandoned me and is refusing to listen to me. This generation of people my age has become corrupt and blinded by worldly things and I'm trying very hard to keep my faith in God. Why God, did you put me through many trials and tribulations in life? What is my purpose in being here? Why am I not being listened to? Why did you stay silent during my darkest times of my life? I just want God to answer me and to get answers." The angst in this earnest prayer request captures a global shaking of foundations in 2020 fueled by fear, a virus, political unrest, and hopelessness. Jesus responds: But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14: 26-27). A young trucker's heart in search of answers hears words of promise and assurance from Jesus: his love and the Father's love will not abandon. We thank God for His faithfulness, especially so in a year filled with so many unsettled souls and COVID trauma. As a highway workplace chaplaincy, we are blessed to share Good News exposing the darkness of purposelessness, fear, doubt, and deceit. God has revealed His providence and power in many ways this year in Breezewood; we give thanks for safety on the road, health, and the resurrection of some shuttered local business locations which have reopened under new ownership.

We continue to coordinate for food, fuel, care packages, transportation, and emergency lodging responding to the pandemic economic fallout. In a chaotic year, we are thankful for a management team, partner churches, businesses, and individuals whose faithfulness multiplied resources for ministry! Praise God!

(JESUS SAYS) I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS, I WILL COME TO YOU.