

NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

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

(2018)	(2019)	(2020)	(2021)	
1168	1043	331	533	trucker contacts.
1429	1213	397	854	traveler contacts.
764	743	477	505	employee/staff contacts.
82	69	48	65	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
143	132	91	104	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
261	273	184	246	pastoral care calls in the community.
1041	1231	1041	1224	food resource provided.
85	108	199	184	nights of lodging provided.
36	37	44	40	persons assisted with gasoline.
145	164	48	49	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
23	45	55	37	camping gear, bags, showers, gift cards, cash, or clothing.
271	117	131	82	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
195	202	82	80	Bibles or New Testaments given.
285	210	105	52	families/individuals served through Christmas food drive.
14	9	1	1	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
32	22	14	13	ministry presentations/preaching/special services.
93	89	22	21	Bible studies/ prayer service.
2177	2130	1803	2005	professional staff hours worked.
1830	2323	1379	1606	hours served by volunteers.

Professional Corporate Chaplaincy: Spiritual Care Association Membership

After 2020 our insides ached for a return to “normalcy,” but 2021 brought more great shaking of cultural /commercial/civic foundations. Many lost loved ones; grief is very real. Breezewood has been invited along with the rest of the world to steady ourselves and align our recovery with a Higher Authority. At the crossroads we encounter people wrestling with the dissatisfactions of under-employment or the over-employment of weeks of pressure deliveries or staffing shortages. We walk with the grieving and pray for communities affected by COVID, and those individuals socially isolated by virus fears who turn to illicit activities to fill the void and assuage trauma. Through it all the ever-present sources of electronic media have flooded brains and distracted us from the truths that God would rather explode into our social media accounts, phones and computers. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of great laments for an exiled people who lost their national identity when Jerusalem was burned/destroyed, yet his message contained hope! Within 70 years the exiles returned to their beloved Palestine, and a SPIRITUAL return to faith was set before the people in a promise(prophecy) of a Messiah. Jesus entered history a few centuries later and fulfilled what peoples in all ages could not accomplish in their own good efforts. God continues to enter history(ie: our day and age)as the Highest Authority, offering a game changing reconciliation through Christ in a world such as we know in Breezewood. At a hub of highway commerce, we are blessed to offer pastoral care and share messages of hope and promise for the challenges of any age!

We continue to coordinate for food, fuel, care packages, transportation, and emergency lodging for those in need. We give thanks for a management team, partner churches, businesses, and individuals whose faithfulness multiplies resources for ministry! A special thank you to Jen Smith(St. John’s, Bedford) for her service on the Management Committee. Praise God for all His abundant provision and healing!

(HE) WILL WATCH OVER HIS FLOCK LIKE A SHEPHERD. Jeremiah 31