

NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2024

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

(2021)	(2022)	(2023)	(2024)	
533	700	990	853	trucker contacts.
854	1014	1269	1499	traveler contacts.
505	763	810	723	employee/staff contacts.
65	62	60	64	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
104	104	155	159	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
246	208	253	221	pastoral care calls in the community.
1224	802	650	554	food resources provided.
184	191	159	115	nights of lodging provided.
40	46	33	25	persons assisted with gasoline.
49	35	44	41	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
37	40	75	86	camp gear, clothing, showers, gift cards, cash, car repair.
82	121	106	106	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
80	140	148	165	Bibles or New Testaments provided.
52	85	8	34	families/individuals served through Christmas food drive.
1	4	7	7	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
13	21	21	28	ministry presentations/preaching/special services.
21	46	47	43	Bible studies.
2005	2177	2092	2078	professional staff hours worked.
1606	1774	1639	1685	hours served by volunteers.

**Professional Chaplaincy: Membership(NIBIC): National Institute of Business & Industrial Chaplains
Endorsed Chaplain, United Methodist Church**

In 2024 the world experienced a mix of war, rumors of greater wars, terrorism, development of successful vaccines for childhood malaria, AI going mainstream, and Notre Dame Cathedral being reopened. It has been a season of political drama, hotly contested elections and national disasters from fires, hurricanes, and mass casualty events. It was a year that overdose deaths decreased and millions witnessed a solar eclipse(syzygy: when 3 objects line up in space). In the changing landscape of Breezewood, one plaza was sold to Travel Centers of America(parent company British Petroleum) and the other plaza closed it's doors. A homeless encampment was disbanded and a multimillion dollar road construction project was completed at the lights in Breezewood while talk of a Breezewood bypass(linking I-70 to I-76) has entered the design bid phase. Change is a fact of life. What's next? Scriptures give us Spirit sealed messages about the future but more importantly how we are to act/live in the present age. Whether offering hospitality in Breezewood, delivering goods & services over the road, or any other vocation, place or purpose we are blessed to live in the age of the resurrected Christ. The gift of God in Christ is freely given – offered to friends in all lands for the healing of the nations. The ministry continues to share Good News through compassion, hope, and fellowship among those we encounter off the highway.

We give thanks for a management team, partner churches, businesses, and individuals whose faithfulness multiplies resources for a ministry of presence, prayer, counsel, hospitality, and food/lodging/gas/care kits in the Name of Jesus! A special thank you to Jen Smith(St John's, Bedford) for her service on the Management Committee!

Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15