



Breezewood Trucker/Traveler Ministry
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Grace and Peace

SUMMER INTERN SIMON HARDY

I was born and raised in the small town of Loughborough in Leicestershire, England. None of my family were members of the church, and I first came to know Christ through a local youth club that I began attending when I was eight years old. I also attended annual youth camps, which played a significant role in my spiritual growth.

At the age of 18, I was baptized into Christ. Soon afterward, I became involved in teaching and preaching. Three years later, I met my wife, Ruth, when she came to England on a mission trip with Harding University. We were married the following year.

Over the years, Ruth and I have been blessed to serve together in youth ministry. We directed youth camps in England and led the same youth club that I had attended as a child. Later, after moving to a different congregation, we started another youth club and participated in a number of their congregational ministries.

We have four children. Thomas, 20, is currently studying at Harding University in Arkansas. Charlotte, 19, is studying at the University of Bath in England. Oliver recently turned 18 and is considering a career in the U.S. military. George, who will be 16 next month, continues homeschooling and enjoys participating in a variety of sports.

I am currently in my junior year of an online Bible program with Sunset International Bible Institute.

In April 2025, our family moved to the United States, and we are still adjusting to life here. We are thankful for the many friendships we have formed with brothers and sisters in Christ in congregations throughout West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

I am grateful to have had opportunities to speak at Broad Top, our home congregation, as well as at Berkeley Springs, Duckwall, and Altoona. We have also enjoyed visiting congregations in Martinsburg, Carlisle, and Moorefield. I have also spent the last two months working with Chaplain Bruce in the Breezewood plazas and community sharing the love of Christ. I have enjoyed learning a new expression and practice of Christian ministry.

Welcome Simon!



Chaplain Bruce, Mike Gibson, and Simon Hardy

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ANTHONY AND THE AMAZING BIBLE STUDY!

A stranded traveler was making his way through the streets and parking lots of Breezewood, until he ended up purchasing some items at a the Oasis convenience store. He left his bag of items on the sidewalk as he walked around town further, orienting himself to his surroundings. The staff at the Oasis secured his purchases inside the building so no one would steal them or trip over them. When he arrived back to find his bag gone, he became very angry toward the staff who tried to explain, as they handed the bag to him. He was asked to leave the premises, and the chaplaincy was called.

After a brief search toward town, I found Anthony in a side lot with his bag and an angry distrustful demeanor. After a few minutes, he trusted me enough to walk with me through town as I did some ministry errands. We talked some more; he took off his sun glasses, revealing his eyes. Still distrustful, he would not come to the ministry office for some travel supplies/food, etc. He was very guarded and didn't reveal much about himself. I gathered items I thought he could use and brought them to him, as he stayed at a distance. I then invited him to Bible Study scheduled for the following morning at Gateway Plaza not expecting to see him again.

The following morning he arrived at the Plaza before I did, ready for study. He revealed more about himself; he had been left behind during a Greyhound stop at the Midway Plaza on the Turnpike during a

return trip to NYC, where he had family. After a fantastic and revealing Bible Study in Hebrews, we assisted Anthony back to the Midway Plaza to catch the next bus east bound (he still had his ticket). One of the other study participants was moved by Anthony's story and faith, giving him a special edition Bible for use in his travels.

Two weeks later, traveling in Ohio he called us while reading in the book of Daniel. He felt compelled by the Spirit to share his gratitude for his time in Breezewood and the Bible Study fellowship. His voice and demeanor were different because of Christ and the Word! Praise God for lives and hearts changed!



Chaplain Bruce and Anthony

Summer Travel

Summer is upon us and so is the increase in family travel. This means many people traveling through the area and the possibility of added needs for some travelers.

This Ministry does not take summers off, although our chaplain is on family leave for July. To keep coverage in the Ministry an intern has been hired to fill the position in the chaplain's absence; thank you Simon Hardy! Mr. Hardy provided very compassionate and discerning assistance to those he encountered.

Summer Slump

Support for faith-based ministries can sometimes drop off in the summer though the needs do not. We welcome your support. One way to donate is through a no-fee donation platform on the website: <https://www.breezewoodtruckertraveler.org/>.