

NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

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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:

(2020)	(2021)	(2022)	(2023)	
331	533	700	990	trucker contacts.
397	854	1014	1269	traveler contacts.
477	505	763	810	employee/staff contacts.
48	65	62	60	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
91	104	104	155	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
184	246	208	253	pastoral care calls in the community.
1041	1224	802	650	food resources provided.
199	184	191	159	nights of lodging provided.
44	40	46	33	persons assisted with gasoline.
48	49	35	44	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
55	37	40	75	camp gear, clothing, showers, gift cards, cash, car/bike rep.
131	82	121	106	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
82	80	140	148	Bibles or New Testaments given.
105	52	85	8	families/individuals served through Christmas food drive.
1	1	4	7	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
14	13	21	21	ministry presentations/preaching/special services.
22	21	46	47	Bible studies/services.
1803	2005	2177	2092	professional staff hours worked.
1379	1606	1774	1639	hours served by volunteers.

**Professional Chaplaincy: Spiritual Care Association Membership(NIBIC)
Endorsed Chaplain, United Methodist Church**

In 2023 our world experienced great instability and trauma, which continues into the new year. Across the Middle East and Russia/Ukraine, the news reports were inadequate to convey the casualties of war and terrorism and displaced peoples. Governments are reeling, seeking geopolitical advantage while people of faith the world over are praying for strength, direction, courage, healing and peace. The promises of God are rock solid, firm in every challenge – offered to people in all lands for the healing of the nations. In Breezewood, a humanity of truckers, staff, and travelers intersect seeking to complete a delivery, offer hospitality, or sojourn to the unknown. The ministry offers a presence of help, hope, and prayer among those we encounter, often celebrating with other believers what amazing things the Lord has done, is doing, will do! It is pure joy to share the Good News at a crossroads, leaning not on our own understanding or agenda but standing firm in the promised Messiah amidst the destructions and distractions of humankind. We have been given precious marching orders of faith to share at the interstate crossroads in Breezewood, PA!

The ministry continues to coordinate food, fuel, care packages, transportation, camp supplies, 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! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ~ Proverbs 3:5-6*