

# NEWS FROM BREEZEWOOD TRAVEL PLAZAS

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2008

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:

(2006)	(2007)	(2008)	
946	946	805	trucker contacts.
914	981	1087	traveler contacts.
457	473	449	employee/staff contacts.
131	126	138	spiritual/emotional assistance for truckers.
93	102	101	spiritual/emotional assistance for employee/staff.
123	126	120	pastoral care calls in the community.
102	116	66	individuals served meals.
10	41	53	nights of lodging provided.
37	66	46	persons assisted with gasoline.
38	33	49	persons provided with transportation(including bus).
36	38	42	Showers, phone card, food bank, car repair, or clothing.
56	57	78	traveler's "Zip Lock" care packages given.
228	218	260	Bibles or New Testaments given.
1400	1500	1400	Care Notes/Prayer Notes/Faith Notes distributed.
24	28	240	local families served during Christmas food drive.
18	19	13	local church sponsored holiday hospitality tables.
38	39	29	ministry presentations/preaching.
99	106	97	Bible studies/ prayer service/ worship offered.
2164	2283	2064	professional staff hours worked.
967	901	1265	hours served by volunteers.

\*Member: National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplaincy.

\*1 Wesley Theological Seminary students completed 2 week "Immersion."

Often we are seasoned in faith when the wind is knocked out of us. In Breezewood we meet numerous precious souls, both young and old who face opportunities to mature. There is much risk and sometimes pain in making good on the opportunities. Maturity is not easily gained. For the professional driver there are numerous elements of life beyond their control (road conditions, delivery schedules, weather, construction, price of fuel, DOT inspection stations, etc.) and often beyond understanding. Hundreds of little decisions each day for a driver help define a path of maturity in Christ. We have a GREAT HELPER. The Holy Spirit is a different "wind" that would rather be knocked into us, not out of us. Through the power of prayer, the living Word comes alive as a guiding presence, leading where grace already is. "Letting go" the reigns of self will, control, judgement, pride, anger, fear, and hurt is a learned freedom: an instant gift but a learned freedom. The seasons of peace, hope, joy, and faith come when the storm within finally throws down the deluge of unforgiveness and the delusion of SELF. We are blessed to be invited into these opportunities for healing and wholeness among truck drivers, their families, travelers, and local staff people that we meet. A kind word, a prayer, a meal, a ride to the hospital, a night's lodging or a care package can offer a sign of hope in the Name of Christ. The Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministry is very thankful to God for entrusting us to share in the lives of many because you care. To all our partner churches, businesses, and individuals- we say thank you for giving of yourselves for a gospel witness at the crossroads!

**THE CROSS: AN INSTANT GIFT, A LEARNED FREEDOM.**