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Notes from Chaplain Sam's Log

Moses, from El Salvador is trying to earn enough money through trucking so that he can return to El Salvador to take care of his wife, who is suffering from RA and is now being cared for by family. Please pray for Moses as he struggles with spiritual battles. Also, pray for his wife in El Salvador.

Kevin is struggling with a decision of whether or not to divorce his wife. His story is that she continually screams and lies about him and has turned his friends and in-laws against him. Kevin knows the Word very well, and I encouraged him to hold on to God for victory and to continue to pray for his wife's deliverance. Please pray for Kevin and for healing of his marriage.

Josh, from Florida came aboard and recommitted his life to the Lord. He and his wife desperately want children, but his wife has a physical problem that seems to be keeping it from happening. It is a very frustrating time for her and he is having a difficult time dealing with her frustration over the phone. Please pray for Josh and his wife.

Annette, from Indiana, came aboard to thank God for her wonderful mother, and to pray for her truck driver husband who needs salvation. Norma and I had a wonderful time of Christian fellowship with Annette. Please pray for her husband's salvation.

A Truck Stop Employee came aboard. He was going through a difficult time because he was separated from and unable to see his children. We had a good prayer together and he was encouraged in the Lord. Please remember this employee and his family.

Timothy is from Philadelphia, but now, in addition to trucking, he is working with youth in North Carolina. I especially like the words he uses to challenge the youth: "If you have a minute, put Jesus in it." I thought that was a good challenge for all of us.

A new truck operations manager at Gateway invited us to take part in our first "Truckers' Appreciation Day" in June. This was an encouragement for our association with the truck stop going forward.

PERFECT TIMING

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God's timing has always been a big part of this ministry. Divine appointments have changed people's lives. That's why we pray that God will put us in the right place at the right time for the right person. So it was with Jay from Ashland, Ohio, just released from a five year prison sentence, stranded, and trying to get home.

I had just pulled into Breezewood, looking for a good spot to park at the Flying J, when Jay started walking my way. We began to talk as I opened up the chapel. Jay had been kicked off a Greyhound Bus for smoking in the restroom and had been trying to find a ride to Ohio for the past three hours. He said that he prayed to God, "I just need to catch a break," and then he saw me pull in.

As we continued to talk, a driver named George, from Virginia Beach, came aboard. George was fired up for the Lord and told of his salvation during a 14 year prison sentence. The Holy Spirit brought George aboard to minister to Jay. We read scripture and prayed and when we were done, Jay had rededicated his life to the Lord. I told George that Jay was trying to get a ride and, as the will of God would have it, George was heading to the exact destination and offered him a ride. What a divine appointment! Jay kept saying, through tears and laughter, "God did it, right before our eyes, God did it! He gave me a break." Praise the Lord! I stand in awe of God's miracle working power and his direction for our lives. Pray for these men, that they will continue in their walk with Him.

CURIOSITY LEADS TO SALVATION

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Raymond, from Virginia, poked his head in the door of the chapel, wanting to see what our rig was all about. I invited him in and had him sign our guest book. I asked him if he was a Christian and he replied, "No," but that he had been reading the Bible. I asked him if someone was praying for him and he said that his aunt and uncle gave him the Bible and that they were praying for him. Raymond went on to say that he had seen what God had done in their lives and that he couldn't deny the changes. I began to explain that he could be born again that day and a simple prayer of repentance would start a whole new life for him. While we talked, tears began to flow down his face. You could feel the presence of God fill the atmosphere. I asked Raymond if he would like to pray the sinner's prayer and receive Christ. He said, "Yes," and was saved by the power of God. Please pray for this new born Christian and for his mother to be saved.



TV ROOM DECISIONS

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Preparing for our Sunday morning service in the TV room at the Flying J can sometimes be a touchy situation. Shutting down the TV for the service doesn't always make everyone happy – especially the devil who knows the Gospel message that can save a soul is getting ready to be delivered. This particular morning, a driver was asleep in the second row. Sometimes when you start the service the drivers will get up and leave, but Frank, from St. Louis, woke up and stayed for the service. I went out in the hall and invited a driver named Rick, from California. He said, "Yeah, I probably could use a service,." Neither man had been in church for years. Frank was full of disappointment in life and Rick was so lonely, this being the second month in a row that he had not gotten home to see his family. They were both prime candidates to receive the Gospel. After Rebecca's anointed singing and the Word of God, Frank and Rick both prayed the sinner's prayer to receive Jesus as their Savior. Praise God!!

On another Sunday morning, Thomas from Bristol, Pa. was the only driver present. But that is how Jesus deals, one by one. Thomas was carrying many burdens over his family and it was taking a toll on him. He saw we were having a service and felt he needed to give it to God. We had a powerful service for just the four of us. Rebecca,

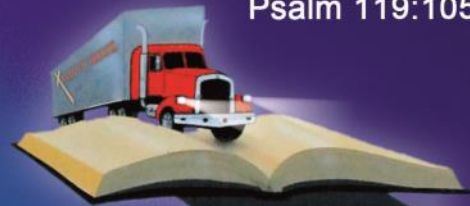


Matthias, Thomas and I knew that this was a divine appointment to see a life changed. When it was time to close in prayer, I asked Thomas if he needed to make things right with God and he said yes and asked Jesus to come in and make him new. Bless God for His timing that he would leave the ninety and nine for one lost trucker. (Matt. 18:12)

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support!

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

Psalm 119:105 (KJV)



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