



Christmas 2023

Dear Friends:

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14

Christmas is an exciting time to get together and celebrate the birth of our Saviour; entering into our world. This Christmas, the Carney family is joining the cause of Open Road Chapels to share Christ with men and women in the world of trucking.

If you are not acquainted with me, let me introduce myself. My name is Ryan Carney. Several months ago, I was invited by Executive Director, Rev. Don Harrison, to participate in a new leadership team for Open Road Chapels. The purpose of this team is to strengthen the existing team, while bringing new vision, insight, and strength to carry the ministry into the future. As Chaplain Coordinator, the first step in this process has been contacting our chaplains on a regular basis to offer prayer support and gather feedback in order to gain a greater understanding of the impact that the chaplain’s ministry is having on drivers. We have heard many heart-thrilling testimonies of lives touched by the power of the Gospel. In just a short while, I have already gained enormous vision of the need for this ministry and potential for its future.



I would also like to introduce my family as we journey together; my wife Jessica is the wonderful mother of our two young boys - Benjamin and Theodore. Two years ago, we found ourselves in our own challenging time as our youngest boy was born extremely early. God pulled us through that experience and today he is a thriving toddler. God has provided in the most unexpected ways while guiding us on our healing journey. Through these experiences we have learned to see the hand of God, even though it was difficult to see in our darkest hours.



Jesus came down from Heaven as a baby, weak, and vulnerable in a tumultuous world. Yet, He was the bright light shining in the darkness, showing us that we can have a relationship with the Father through Him. He endured the same trials that we face, even death, yet He rose victorious. Our family is opening doors for others to join us in proclaiming the message of Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We are encouraged and excited by hearing the testimonies from chaplains across Canada; of lives being transformed by the power of Christ; opening eyes to the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you for allowing us to share this ministry and family update with you. If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, just go to the [Donation](#) page on this web site for more information. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Your prayers and financial support are vital to helping us move forward with the proclamation of the Gospel through Open Road Chapels.



Yours in Christ,
Ryan, Jessica, Benjamin, and Theodore

May God continue to bless you and your entire household as you celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ this wonderful season.

