



Christmas 2019

Dear ORC Family and Friends:

In my lawn chair just outside the mobile chapel it always provides interesting conversations with drivers. In the evening a constant flow of drivers coming and going, those returning to their trucks disappear in the darkness. Luke 2:8 tells the same story, *“And there were in the same country shepherd’s abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”* It’s thrilling when your sheep step out of the darkness into the LIGHT. This would not be possible without YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Thank you for your partnership!



Steven, was a big man that walked with brisk, military march steps. Spoke briefly with him in the driver’s room; now he made his way toward me. Sat down in the lawn chair beside me in a confident restful manner. Blue eyes, wide shoulders, bald head and spoke with a strong French accent. Introduced myself and exchanged handshakes. *“Seen you at Pilot Flying J in Toronto,”* were his first words. *“Do you have time to talk with me?”* was his first question. *“I have as much time as you need,”* was my reply. He began to share his story. Very successful in trucking; had 5 trucks in operation and had been busy servicing Canada and the U.S. He purchased a nice home with his girl friend; showed me the pictures. It was a beautiful home in eastern Ontario. He told me how business pressure separated his relationship with his girlfriend. He turned to substance abuse to deal with the pain. His parents, people of faith, got him the necessary treatment; now he has re-entered trucking and the relationship with his girlfriend is slowly returning! ***“Don, the loneliness when I’m driving, it’s awful.” He was almost in tears.*** During his treatment they declared a need for a higher power and from that I shared with Steven the purpose of the cross, the need to develop that power into a personal relationship with Christ. With excitement in his eyes, Steven opened his shirt and revealed a cross he was wearing. *“My grandmother gave this to me and told me to always wear it. Now I know what it really means.”*

***Sitting in the lawn chair in the middle of a busy truck stop
Steven gave his life to Christ!”***



There are HUNDREDS of drivers like Steven, but we cannot reach them without You! Yes YOU! Your financial support is crucial in reaching men and women in the trucking industry.

In 2020, the mobile chapel will be travelling to the Pilot Flying J Travel Center in Hope, British Columbia. This is located in the middle of the Canadian Rockies; a 12 hour drive west of Calgary, Alberta. Drivers travelling east or west stop at this crucial location for fuel, food and relaxation.

A small group from the community are very interested in developing ministry at the Pilot Flying J in Hope, British Columbia.

You can make the difference. You can provide necessary prayer and financial support. Please stand with us. Our Christmas Challenge is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Funding is urgently needed for the Mobile Chapel on the Joshua Journey development of ministry in British Columbia focusing on the Pilot Flying J Travel Center in Hope.

This is how you take the Next Step: You can participate in this very important and unique ministry using our [secure donation form](#) on this web site; via [CanadaHelps](#); or on our [Facebook](#) page. I look forward to hearing from you very soon. **Thank you in advance for your investment in the lives of men like Steven.**

Words cannot describe our THANK YOU to those who have faithfully prayed and supported us financially. Without YOU, ministry would not be possible. Most of all, remember during this Christmas season that Christ is the reason for the season. Christmas is for saying out loud what we think in our hearts.



***Merry Christmas to you
and your families!***

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Don Harrison,
Executive Director Open Road Chapels

P.S. Drivers need you NOW to help them step out of the darkness into the Light!

