

Christmas 2018

Dear Friends:



She (Mary) will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Christmas comes to the nations but once a year, bringing joy – all too often – to only children. Parents work to give children a fun time but forget that this special day was meant to bring joy to all who believe and trust Him. Christmas is remembering the birth of our

Saviour Jesus and the new life that is ours through faith in Him.

Jim, a local driver came into the chapel some time ago. He was a dark-haired middle-aged man. He looked very tired and there was no light in his eyes as we spoke. It appeared clearly to me that he needed to know the Lord. After spending time talking with him and sharing the Word of God, I asked him if he would like to know Jesus as his Saviour. He said YES! I went through the gospel tract "Knowing God Personally", and he confirmed that was the desire of his heart. He trusted the Lord Jesus that day knowing he was a new creation in Christ Jesus, his life would most certainly have many challenges concerning his faith and walk with Christ. Jim is now part of the family of God because YOU cared enough to partner with us proclaiming the gospel.

Jim received new life in Christ that day; life that would be different because his life is now under new management because You care enough to pray specifically for salvation of men like Jim. He was no longer his old self, for he had been created new in Christ Jesus "for if any man is in Christ Jesus he is a new creation old things are passed away behold all things become new." Jim who is born again has new life, sins forgiven, the old is past, but the flesh is still here and that's where sanctification (the building of the new life) in Christ comes in.



Christmas is not just about presents or a baby in a manger. Jesus was the greatest gift to man from God. It's really about the new birth and new life that Jim found when he asked Jesus to save his soul and live in His heart.



Last Christmas it was a blessing to give out a couple hundred candy canes with a gospel tract at the truck stop. The tract spoke of good news of the One who came to earth to die that we might have life through His sacrifice and His blood. We, like Jim, need to remember that Christmas is not about us. It's about Christ and remembering what He did for us.

It was our pleasure to travel to Barrie to celebrate Open Road Chapels' Annual Meeting. A time of sharing with our chaplains across Canada and to meet the board members representing the different Canadian regions. We also received an update on future events, meeting our supporters and thanking them for standing with us in ministry. The two day event goes quickly, but we always look forward to next year.

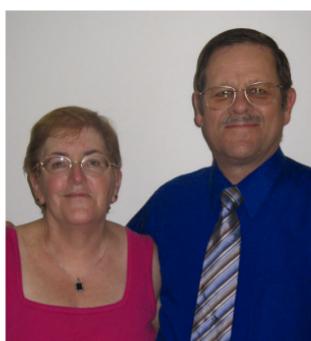
Please pray that God will open the hearts of many more truckers and travelers this Christmas time, so that they, like Jim, will come to know Jesus. I have been blessed to encourage and share God's word with Jim and others and to see them growing in the Lord Jesus. Once these truckers have found Christ, they can then share their new-found life in Christ with others they meet along the highways.



May God richly bless you in this Christmas season with the joy of the Lord as your strength. May He bless you as you have blessed us with your prayers and support all this last year. If the Lord moves in your heart to support us financially, please go to our [Donation](#) page for more information.

A special "thank you" for standing with us in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to men and women in the world of trucking.

May you and your family enjoy this special season.



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