



Dear Family and Friends of Open Road Chapels:

In our post pandemic world, signs of recovery are found everywhere. Employment opportunities abound: “We are hiring”, “Join our exciting team!”, “Walk-in interviews accepted”. The signs appear like Christmas decorations; “holiday invitations” to return to the labour force. People simply are not responding, as you and I experience the resulting reality. Never-ending lines of people -- some patient, but not desiring to talk; some overwhelmed with the challenge; or some who simply do not care. Personally, my early morning coffee turns into midday break. Post-pandemic challenges continue to change our world.



Looking over the shoulder of King Solomon when he penned the book of Ecclesiastes, one gets the idea of familiarity. Throughout the book, the theme continues “There is nothing better for a man than he should eat and drink and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw that it was from the hand of God.” (2:24; 3:22; 5:18; 9:10). Solomon makes the connection of serving the Lord through our labour and joy. In a world tossed and turned by turmoil, there is no greater opportunity for God’s people to impact our world than with the Gospel labour force. One less sign for us to read.

Serving on the London chapel and interacting with the Pilot Flying J staff is interesting. It paves the way for wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel. Aaron was new and enjoyed working the sales counter, helping drivers, and monitoring the truck scale. She was tall with short brown hair; very polite and soft spoken. It was cloudy outside, but she was wearing large sunglasses with her hair covering her forehead. She spoke slow with a lack of confidence. I asked how she was doing, but she ignored my question. Later that afternoon, I spoke to her during her smoke break. Stepping back from the group, she removed her sunglasses and moved her hair revealing scars of abuse. “I’m alright. They’re looking for my boyfriend.” I was taken aback by the sight. With her permission, I offered a quick word of prayer for her. She thanked me for caring, put her sunglasses back on, set her hair and returned to the group. The next day she again thanked me for caring. I will follow up with counselling. Walking away, I thanked the Lord for allowing me to be used in a time of need. Thank You, supporters. Without your partnership this would not be possible.

Remember the next time you wait in a long line with people. Slip on the glasses of Solomon to see endless opportunities to be the hand of God in the labour force. The mission of Open Road Chapels to be the hand of Lord in trucking.

Open Road Chapels is just around the corner from CELEBRATING our 30th YEAR in MINISTRY! Time travels quickly. The opening balance in our account was \$125.00, and a lawyer extended financial terms, giving us time to pay the Government registration fees. The first donation of \$5,000.00 cash was from an unassuming couple. Thank the Lord for such a wonderful financial donation!



The first permanent chapel was placed at the Fifth Wheel Truck Stop in Milton, Ontario. Shortly after it opened, a driver gave his life to Christ. The following years were a blessing as we grew from one chapel to multiple locations across Ontario. During the closing years of the Fifth Wheel Truck Stops, Pilot Flying J Travel Centers opened new doors for Open Road Chapels to provide a chaplaincy program for their Canadian locations.



The first chapel placed at the Pilot Flying J Travel Center in Lancaster, Ontario, was followed by the chapel at Napanee, Ontario, then moving west to Winnipeg Manitoba; Calgary, Alberta, followed by Edmonton, Alberta; to our latest location at the Pilot Flying J in London, Ontario. Fort Erie, Ontario is pending until further notice. A special Thank You to all our faithful supporters that have been following us on this journey.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME. WHY NOT JOIN OUR LABOUR FORCE DURING OUR 30TH YEAR CELEBRATION? YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT part of this WONDERFUL journey. JOIN our 30th YEAR CELEBRATION VISION as it continues. We need your HELP to reach our CELEBRATION budget of \$90,000.00 dollars. AT THE CELEBRATION SERVICE supporters are joining us from across Canada to look at the feasibility of a permanent CHAPEL to be placed in service at our HEAD OFFICE, Highway 11 location in Severn, Ontario. We continue the investigation of a COMMERCIAL PROPERTY which is adjacent to our Severn office. Won't you consider making a CELEBRATION financial gift? Please donate today. I know I can count on you now. You can participate in this very important and unique ministry using our [secure donation form](#) here in the web site, via [CanadaHelps](#) or our [Facebook page](#). We cannot do this without your participation. I look forward to hearing from you very soon! Thank you, in advance, for your generous financial gift.

No matter the state of our world, Christ is the only answer. JOIN US ON OUR EXCITING JOURNEY. YOUR prayer/financial support is essential. Without YOU our ministry could not exist. It's our PRIVILEGE to represent YOU in the world of trucking. Thank you for 30 years of support; please CONTINUE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Don Harrison,
Executive Director, O.R.C.

P.S. A world of labour opportunities is a world for Christ.