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Dear Ministry Supporters:

Greetings in the name of our great God and Savior! To Him be all praise and glory!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We praise God for His continued blessing on the Ministry and for the many opportunities we have had to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

So much has happened in the Ministry since we last wrote to you in March.

Here's an update:

In April, we began a partnership with Community Aid by having a clothing donation bin placed next to the chapel trailer. Community Aid is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization with the primary purpose of raising funds for distribution to other nonprofit charitable organizations. Community Aid is called to serve the community and to share the love of God to its fellow neighbors through simple Christian works and deeds, and to provide aid in the form of quality gently used clothing at affordable prices for individuals and families. As a partner, the Ministry receives \$0.04/pound of clothing placed in the bin. We also receive 'Care Cards' to be distributed to those in need. These cards can be used to purchase clothing and shoes at any of the Community Aid stores. After a year of partnership, we will be eligible to apply for grants of up to \$5,000.00 for the Ministry. Our goal is to add additional donation boxes at various locations. If your church or organization would be willing to place a donation box on your property, please let us know.

Our May Fundraising Banquet was a great success, raising over \$5,500.00 for the Ministry! The good Lord saw fit to make it an evening full of surprises. Our featured guest vocalist was George Jumper of the Gabriels who arrived with Randy Simpson and his dad Terry to operate the sound system and play the keyboard. With a little encouragement, Randy stepped up to join George in several 'numbers' and got the whole group singing along with them. What a great time we all had!

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Plainfield held a concert in May to benefit the Ministry. Over \$900.00 was raised. Praise God!

And here's what coming up:

On Saturday, August 4th, we will be holding our annual Driver Appreciation Day at the Petro Truck Stop. As usual, we will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, drinks and all the fixin's to anyone who stops by. This is always a fun time when we can meet truckers and travelers in a very casual setting

and it has often opened the opportunity to speak with individuals about what's on their hearts and to share the gospel message with them.

Saturday, October 6th is our Fall Fundraising Banquet at New Fairview Church of the Brethren in York. This is always an exciting evening - the silent auction, a great meal, ministry updates, a concert by The Vine Street Boys and, of course, door-prizes. Please see the enclosed flier for all the details and make sure you purchase your ticket by the deadline - September 22nd.

We also want to give you a heads up regarding our Annual Cookie Collection and Distribution this fall. We will be collecting cookies the last Monday of November and the first three Mondays of December. Last year we collected and distributed over 14,000 bags of cookies to truckers and travelers and received numerous words of thanks in person and via phone calls, notes and emails. Your participation in this effort to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way is vital. We will be sending you a flier in Sept./Oct. with all the details. Why not use it to initiate a 'baking party' with your neighbors, co-workers, church or civic group. It's not too early to get out those recipes and schedule a 'bake-date.'

Our special needs at this time:

In 2017 we stepped out in faith, believing that the Lord was leading us to provide seven day per week chaplain coverage. Unfortunately, over the last year, our expenses have exceeded our receipts. As such, the Board considered reducing the chaplains' coverage at the chapel to six days per week, but has decided not to make any changes in hours at this time. Please be in prayer about this, as having a chaplain available for truckers and travelers is the major thrust of the Ministry and so many of them have become used to having a chaplain available daily. Would you be willing to increase your financial support on a regular basis to help us to provide this important coverage? Using the "Donate" button on our website (www.carlisletruckstopministry.org) is a safe and easy way to make donations, including regularly scheduled, automatic donations through PayPal, debit or credit card. However, please be aware that PayPal charges us (not you) a fee of 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction, so we receive \$48.60 of a \$50 donation. If you're able, please consider adding an extra few dollars to help cover our costs.

Please pray for the volunteers who conduct the Sunday morning worship services at the chapel. Two of them have had medical issues that have prevented them from helping with these services. Pray that the Lord, the great Physician, would restore them to health. Also, pray that the Lord would burden others to take on this much needed ministry opportunity. Maybe He's speaking to you! If He is, let us know!

Please continue to pray for the Ministry and the Board as we seek to demonstrate the love of God in both tangible and spiritual ways. We truly believe, as the Apostle Paul did, that "my God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

May God Richly Bless You,



David D. Bell, Sec./Treas.

Please use the enclosed envelope for your donation, or donate on-line. Thanks!

Remember - *"Truly I say unto you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."* Matthew 25:40