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Dear Ministry Supporters:

"Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love." (Thomas Chisholm, 1923)

It sure has been an unusual summer with lots of rain and many hot days, but here it is fall already and we are starting to feel the change in the seasons. What a great time to 'join with all nature' in witnessing God's 'great faithfulness, mercy and love.' What a great and gracious God we serve!

It's always a blessing to hear from our chaplains:

Chaplain Dave writes: "God orders our steps daily. If we follow His leading, and believe He is a sovereign God who is all-powerful and all-knowing, then each day's events should be accepted as part of His plan. By being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, God will direct each step along our path with Him. The question is, will we trust God fully or will we only share with Him that which we want to? Will we only give God the parts of our lives that we feel comfortable in giving Him? Remember, Jesus trusted the Father, and followed His will in every step of His daily walk. Should we be any less trusting? When we decide to trust God with every aspect of our life - with each step, each choice - then we will have a peace which transcends all understanding, and that peace will guard our hearts and our minds in Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:7)."

I believe that God ordains my steps daily. Whether or not I follow them is dependent upon me. God will use that still small voice to guide me, or He may redirect my path by the simple failure of an alarm clock, an accident or some other interruption in my planned schedule. A day of God directing my steps is a day to be relished and enjoyed. 'The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand.' Psalm 37:23-24"

Chaplain Craig writes: "The Ministry has experienced some great things over the last couple of months. Many spiritual seeds have been planted and multiple individuals have put their faith and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Just the other day a driver stopped by the chapel to thank us for helping him months ago. He and his wife were going through some very stressful situations with their living situation and job. He was driving for a company in Harrisburg and had gotten to the point of losing their home and they were living in their car. We had helped them with gas, food, and counsel. Gratefully, they had heeded the counsel and decided to make some positive changes. Just recently they had found another career path and were looking forward to moving to another location to pursue their vision."

There are times when it has been challenging, but each day we are encouraged to keep going.

1 Corinthians 15:58 says, 'Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.' It has been a tremendous blessing to be able to serve the drivers and those at the Carlisle truck stops. These drivers are grateful that we are here for them, and it wouldn't be possible without your support."

We had a wonderful time at our Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet at New Fairview Church of the Brethren on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 335 attended and the evening was packed full with our silent auction, a delicious dinner, a wonderful concert by the Vine Street Boys, and inspiring ministry updates from our Chaplains. It's always a great time of fellowship with our supporters and an opportunity to enjoy the common bond of love we have for each other because of what Jesus has done for us. The Lord poured out His blessing through you by providing nearly \$19,000.00 for the Ministry through the offering, ticket sales, sponsor ads, silent auction and food sales! Please pray that we as a Board will use these funds wisely to glorify Him through demonstrating His love to those to whom we minister. Our banquets are the major fundraising events for the Ministry, and several churches have added us to their budgets for periodic giving for which we are most grateful. But we still rely on you, our individual supporters, to carry us through the year financially.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Denny Ruth, one of our worship service volunteers, but we rejoice that he is now enjoying being in the very presence of his Lord and Savior whom he served so faithfully. Mary Ann Ruth asked that memorial gifts be sent to the Ministry and donations resulted in a total of over \$1,800.00 for which we are most grateful.

Our loss of Denny and a job change for another volunteer has left us in great need for others to step forward to help with our Sunday morning and/or evening worship services. These services are informal with anywhere from one to five or six in attendance. They do require some preparation, but are a blessing to both presenter and those in attendance. Many attendees have remarked that they really appreciate having a place to worship while on the road. Would you consider this area of service to the Lord? If so, please let us know.

Our partnership with Community Aid and their used clothing bin at the trailer has been going well. If you as a church, organization or business would be willing to locate a bin on your property for this purpose, let us know. If you can't accommodate a bin, how about setting up a designated box at your location for clothing that could then be brought to the bin at the chapel trailer? Or, we'd be happy to have someone pick it up periodically.

We have mentioned before about the expense of mailing our newsletters and such to you via 'snail mail.' A list has now been established of those of you who would like to receive these communications by email. This method is faster and costs nothing. If you would like to receive communications by email, just let us know by putting a note on the enclosed donation envelope and we'll add you to the list. Of course, you can always view the newsletters and announcements on our website as well - [www.carlilsetruckstopministry.org](http://www.carlilsetruckstopministry.org).

Thanks again for your continued support. May God richly bless you.



David D. Bell, Sec./Treas.

**P.S. - Don't forget this year's cookie collection. Check out the enclosed flier for all the details.**

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*

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