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Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

What a hot and humid summer this has been. I'm sure your air conditioner has been working overtime! The Board of Directors of Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. has been working overtime this summer too. Even as we grieve the loss of Chaplain Dan Lehigh, we have been prayerfully seeking the Lord's will regarding his replacement. After putting out an announcement regarding the open chaplain position, we received several applications, some from as far as Texas and Alabama, and some from the local area. As we reviewed and considered each of these applications, it became increasingly clear that the Lord had been at work for over a year preparing us and others for who would replace Chaplain Dan. As early as last spring, the Board felt the need to hire an Assistant Chaplain who would be able to provide weekend coverage and fill in for Dan as necessary. The Lord graciously provided two individuals - Dave Braithwaite and Craig Shambaugh - who we hired in January of this year on a part-time basis. Chaplain Dan was able to mentor them both and they have fit into the ministry quite well.

Both Dave and Craig expressed a desire to continue ministering with us. As we sought the Lord's will and wisdom, it became obvious that the Lord had been preparing them all along for greater roles in this Ministry. After spending time with each of them during their work day, and after much prayer, we as a Board, extended a call to them to be our new 'Co-Chaplains.'

We are delighted to announce that they have both accepted and will continue to share responsibilities in providing seven-day-a-week, 8 hour/day coverage. Many of you have met Dave and Craig already. They both have a great love for the Lord and the lost, a strong passion for the ministry, and humble, servant hearts. Dave is retired from the U.S. Postal Service and Craig has his own window and house washing business. They work very well together and compliment each other with their gifts and personalities. We sincerely thank the Lord for both of them and have seen His sovereign hand at work in bringing them to us. We ask that you would pray for them and support them as they minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to both believers and unbelievers through Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.

On another note, do you know what time it is? That's right - it's almost cookie time! Time to get out those 'tried and true' cookie recipes or even try a new one. We will be conducting our annual Cookie Collection on November 28th and December 5, 12 and 19th. Enclosed is a flier giving you all the details. Please feel free to make copies and distribute them to your church family, neighbors, friends, civic groups, etc. Each year we receive many calls and notes from truckers and travelers telling us how much they appreciate 'a touch of home' while they're on the road. Last year we collected over 13,600 bags. Let's try to top that this year!

Again, we thank you for both your prayers and financial support. As Chaplain Dan always said, "Remember that what you do for the least of these...you do for Christ."

Blessings to you all,

David D. Bell, Sec./Treas. - Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.

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