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Dear Ministry Friends and Supporters -

We hope you have all had a great summer and are now enjoying the fall weather with the changing of the leaves and cooler temperatures. Before you know it, we will all be wrapped up in the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Speaking of which, enclosed is a flier giving the dates and details for our annual cookie collection and distribution event. We look forward to this event every year, not to see how many cookies we can collect and distribute, but to use it as a means of letting folks know about the Ministry, to demonstrate God's love for others, and to present the good news of the gospel to thousands of cookie recipients. Feel free to make copies of this flier to give to your friends, neighbors, church attendees, and any local groups and organizations. Our prayer is that many will come to know Jesus as their Savior as a result of these efforts.

We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about some changes in the Ministry's personnel. Chaplain Dave Braithwaite's wife Cheryl experienced a stroke in August. Praise God that she is making good progress in her recovery. However, due to her stroke and other medical issues, Chaplain Dave announced his retirement from the Ministry (effective August 31st) so that he can spend more time caring for her. 'Chappy Dave' has faithfully served the Lord and this Ministry for almost ten years and will be greatly missed. Please pray that the Lord will return Cheryl to good health and that He will bless them both in this new phase of their lives.

We praise God that Chaplain Mike Kelso is willing to 'pick up the slack' as he now works 35 hours per week. Mike served as a worship service volunteer for three years before becoming our co-chaplain in 2021. Mike has been a faithful servant and a tremendous blessing to the Ministry and those we serve.

Glenn and Anna Miller, faithful Board members for 14 years, and Dave Bell, the Ministry's Secretary/Treasurer for 16 years, will be retiring at the end of this year. They have contributed much and will be greatly missed. We welcomed Mr. Harry Line to the Board last month and praise God for his willingness to serve.

With these changes, we will have eight Board members. Our By-laws require that we have between seven and eleven, so we're a little on the 'light' side. We could sure use your help to fill these open positions. Won't you give some thought and prayer to the possibility of serving the Lord in this capacity? Or even as a part-time chaplain to cover for Chaplain Mike when necessary?

All of these changes will require some readjustments in how we do things. But, the Lord has faithfully led and preserved the Ministry for over forty years and we know that He will continue to guide us. We ask for your prayers as we go through this time of change.

We hope to see many of you as you drop off cookies. May the Lord bless you, your churches, and your friends and neighbors for your willingness to serve Him through this ministry.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

The Board of Directors, Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.