



Reaching Truckers For Christ

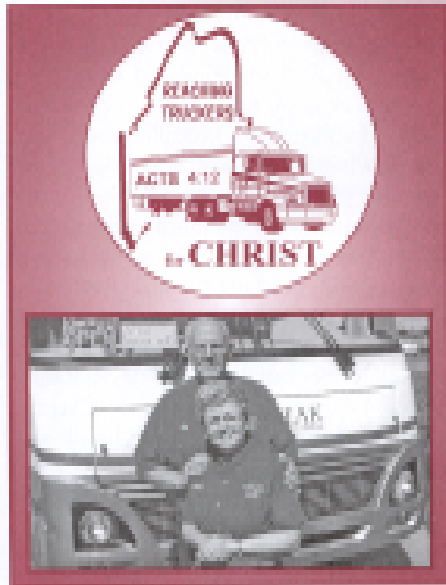
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R.T.C. Ministry Got Started Through A Challenge

by A.J. Walker

One morning, 20 years ago, I was listening to "Focus on the Family" when a challenge came over the airwaves. Focus on the Family had been interviewing "Transport for Christ" chaplain Tilken and his wife Cindy. Chaplain Tilken was a long-haul trucker, and the couple had developed a ministry visiting truck stops and spiritually helping those in need. At the end of the broadcast, Cindy was asked to share what was on her heart. She responded by asking the question, "Who will be willing to go into the truck stops in your area and share the good news with drivers?"

The Lord used that challenge to let me know that I was to take up the call and reach out to the drivers. I didn't know it yet, but my wife, Linda, heard that broadcast later in the day. When the challenge was given, she, too, knew that she was being called to reach out to the drivers. It was a great confirmation of God's will when we got together and discussed what He had placed in our hearts to do. Through this challenge, and with prayer, we accepted the call, and boy, how the Lord has blessed us for doing so!!



A \$944.00 Miracle In Six Weeks

When we accepted the Lord's call to start the ministry, we did not have the financial means to get started. We knew if we were going to do this, God would have to provide what we needed. Within six weeks, God provided a \$944 miracle for us to begin. This wonderful gift came from a church that saw the need to "Reach Truckers for Christ." We thank God for the



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This photo, taken several years ago, shows their first vehicle for the ministry which they were able to purchase for \$1.

miracle of His first gift, and those miracles haven't ceased. Jeremiah 33:3 says "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." We praise our Heavenly Father for how He has provided over the years.

Experiencing Philippians 4:19 Played Out Before Our Eyes

Let us tell you how awesome it is to witness just how our Lord provides.

Besides the \$944 miracle, God provided for us in many other ways. We were given the opportunity to purchase a Ryder truck for just \$1, and an office trailer for just \$500. We were able to use the Ryder truck for a little over a year before the engine died. The Lord brought our situation to someone's attention so that we might receive help. The man who heard about our engine borrowed a wrecker which he used to tow our truck over 50 miles to his garage. Once at his garage, he and his crew rebuilt the engine for us without a single penny coming out of our "Reaching Truckers For Christ" budget. The truck was returned to us with the engine running as good as new. The truck remained in service for another two years before it finally had issues that made it unusable. The Lord then provided another miracle, which you'll have to stay tuned for in the next edition of the [Good News Connection](#).

Reaching The 20th Century Cowboy with God's Message of Hope

This is a door that only our Lord can open. Truck drivers are used hard, mistreated, not appreciated, and many times forsaken. They often stand back and check things out for a while before they act because of the way they have been taken for granted. They have to check us out for some time before they are willing to come into our chapel and hear about the good news.

One snowy day I was questioning, "Lord, why am I here?" Little did I know my answer was about to appear. Moments after asking God this question, a driver entered the chapel and asked, "What must I do to be saved?" He told us he had been watching us for seven years to see whether we were real or a fraud. He first thanked us for our faithful-

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We Are Like the U.S. Mail

No matter if we have bad weather, mechanical problems, monetary issues, or even physical troubles... Lord willing... nothing will hold back the "Reaching Truckers for Christ" ministry.

We have ministered in summer heat of over 100 degrees on the tarmac and in the winter cold of under -12 degrees, when our bed covers literally had frozen to the wall. God has always protected us and made it possible to be where He needs us to be. We have traveled in snow, sleet, and rain as we head out to these truck stops. One person asked me, "Why are you out here?" God had answered that question long ago, so our response was... "The Gospel is the good news, the need is great, and the time is short."

John 9:4 says "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

So let's be busy about the Lord's business while it is yet day.