



The Gospel To The World Of Trucking

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Teaching and Equipping Truckers To Be Fishers Of Men According To Matthew 4:19 Newsletter for October & November 2011

Dear Friends:

John, a truck driver, sent me the following message in an email the other day:

“Hello there; I just happened across your website and I was so thrilled that there is now a Christ-centered ministry in place for truck drivers in Chemult. I formerly stopped at the Pilot TS there quite often when I was rolling with freight to California and points beyond. I am looking forward to worshipping with you when my wife and I are running through on a Sunday.

“I am excited to hear the details about your ministry. I commit in Christ that I will pray daily for the work God has started there in Chemult. Many people do not realize that highway is an extremely important avenue of freight from Central Oregon to the rest of America. I also know from my experience that truckers from all corners of North America pass through Chemult at one time or another. God has placed you in an optimal position to minister the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people that may never otherwise be exposed to the Word of Truth.” It was a blessing to receive this note from this driver and I had to share it with you.

I need to clear up some confusion as to why we started the church, Chemult Bible Fellowship, and it's role in Steering Wheel Ministries. In the past I have shared with you the vision for the Trucker's Center and how God made it clear that it was to be part of a church that Steering Wheel Ministries started in an un-churched community. I think everyone understands that part, where the confusion has come is what comes after that, so let me try to explain:

First and foremost, by starting Chemult Bible Fellowship we are not ignoring the truckers while we are working to evangelize the community of Chemult, OR. We still have our chaplains out in the truck stops. We still have three Driver Chaplains who minister out of their trucks where ever they are. Besides this I am ministering to drivers on the phone, via email and we are having drivers stop by the chapel trailer for the church service and other times. **Second**, we cannot have the Trucker's Center if we do not have an active church to have the Center out of.

One other thing I have seen where there is some confusion is in how Steering Wheel Ministries and Chemult Bible Fellowship are funded. Steering Wheel Ministries along with Debbie and I are not, and may never receive money from Chemult Bible Fellowship. This is a very small unincorporated community of only 152 mailboxes so there are not very many to draw from. Steering Wheel Ministries will have to support Chemult Bible Fellowship and the Trucker's Center, at least for a couple of years and maybe longer. Yes, there are a lot of truckers that come through here as this is a very major truck route and they need to be reached for Jesus.

The church as a whole here in America has never sent missionaries to other countries without giving them financial support. Steering Wheel Ministries is a mission organization right here in America that God has now moved into an area that is un-churched.

Steering Wheel Ministries has poured every dime we have into the move here and starting Chemult Bible Fellowship, a non-denominational church. After getting into the church building we plan to get the 18-wheel mobile chapel back on the road by next summer—pray that we will have a chaplain for that.

Thank you for prayerfully helping us reach the mission fields of America for Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Merwin Rhoades ~ President/Founder/Pastor

Cut along dotted line and send with your gift

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