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RACEWAY MINISTRIES

NASCAR's Atlanta 500 has developed a reputation over the last few years of being the best in the country- if not the world- with it's high speeds, cutting passes and photo finishes. This years race held on March 8, 9, & 10th, will also have many chances for ministry hopefully not because of tragedy. It comes just because so many people gather for several days with a common interest, creating occasion for conversation which can ultimately save a soul from hell.

Chris Howe of Rome got a revelation of this opportunity in 1998 while in the stands watching the

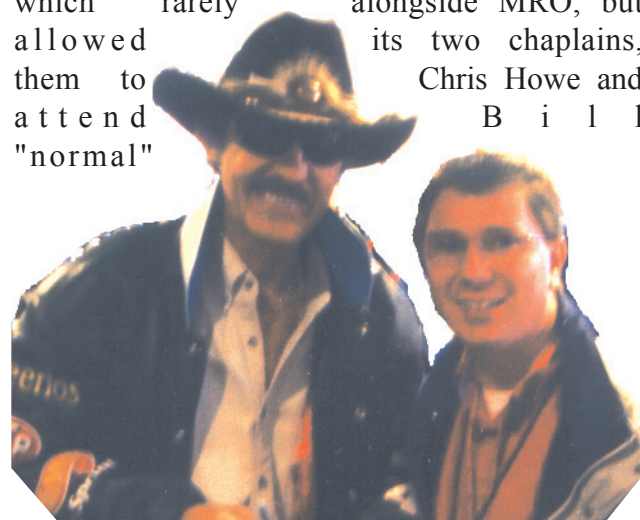
race which drew 125,000 people. As he looked down upon the crowd he saw multitudes of people who need Jesus. In seminary at the time, Howe felt a call to these needy souls.

After contacting the president of the speedway via e-mail about his desire to minister to the fans, the doors opened and he became a chaplain with Raceway Ministries.

There is a ministry called Motor Racing Outreach, (MRO) which reaches out to the drivers of NASCAR. It began in 1988 when several drivers asked Max Helton to minister in

their unusual situation, which rarely allowed them to attend "normal"

Ministries works alongside MRO, but its two chaplains, Chris Howe and Bill



Chris Howe of Raceway Ministries with Richard Petty

church services. Although NASCAR racing is safe, there is an inherent danger. MRO is the organization NASCAR turns to in time of crisis to support team and family members. Raceway

Brannon meet the needs of the fans who come sometimes several days prior to the race to camp out an enjoy the entire program. "Everybody needs the Lord," says Howe, Continued on page 3

Cartersville's "Via Dela Rosa."

The Carrying of the Cross in Cartersville, Georgia was begun by Dr. John Boyd.

The event was the result of research done by Dr. Boyd while serving as Worship Leader for the Interfaith Alliance in 1994. The Interfaith Alliance, since renamed Alliance of Bartow Christian Churches, has as one of its purposes that of providing two inter-

denominational, community-wide worship events each year. In the past these services have included a Thanksgiving Gathering, a Christmas Gathering and a Good Friday Service.

Historically, the Good Friday Service had been held at various churches and had become a service with nearly as many speakers as attendees.

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