The staff of Iowa Speedway planned from its beginning to involve chaplains and volunteers from Newton and the surrounding area to have a ministry presence on race weekends. Our ministry has full support of Iowa Speedway staff as we work in harmony to provide the best overall family atmosphere possible.

In 2007, Iowa Speedway invited Mark Young, pastor at First Christian Church in Newton to be the director of chaplains for Iowa Speedway. Mark had previously served as chaplain at I-35 Speedway in Mason City, Iowa. Aaron Loree, pastor of First Baptist Church in Newton, also helped during our first year at the Speedway. Team 316 chaplains assisted as well.

lowa Speedway Ministries was formed at the beginning of the 2008 race season. God has opened the doors to various ministries at the Speedway and more help was needed. In 2008, Chaplains Merle Smith and Kevin Glesener were added. That same year, lowa Speedway Ambassadors became a vital part of our ministry driving the ADA shuttles and serving in other areas. Chaplain Audrey Young joined us in 2009.

In 2009, Iowa Speedway partnered with Christian Motorsports International Inc. Family of Ministries in Gilbert, Arizona. This provides our ministry with accountability and non-profit status. You can read more about Christian Motorsports International at www.teamrfc.org. This organization is also known as Racers for Christ.

We look forward to an exciting year in 2012 as God continues to open many opportunities for ministry. Please contact us if you would like to join or support our work.