

Covington Baptist Church 2121 N. Williamson Road Covington, PA 16917

Dear Covington Baptist Church,

The Thanksgiving season has come and gone, but I trust you were impacted by the great blessing of being thankful to God for all He has done for us. I was particularly touched this year with the need to grow in thankfulness. Certainly the Lord has been good to Minutemen Ministries in 2023!

Thank you for your monthly gifts of \$120 to our ministry. We are grateful for your desire to assist us in our burden to reach teenagers. This year it seemed, more than ever, that I had folks tell us how the War of Special Forces had impacted them in the past. It has been a blessing to see them going on for the Lord!

We are currently in our final week of our tour for this year. Last week in a large school in Miami, we saw the Lord break through during the split session. During the young men's session, the message was given from Proverbs 29:25, "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." About half of the young men responded to the invitation and came down off the bleachers to pray on the gym floor. The invitation was for them to ask the Lord to forgive them for being snared by the fear of man and then to purposefully trust the Lord to overcome the fear of man in the future. We even had a prayer meeting and there were some humble prayers from these young men. The testimony service that night was a blessing!

It is hard to believe that we are here at Christmas again! May the Lord impact us this year with the blessing of the Lord Jesus coming to save us, and now daily loading us with His grace! Thank you again for your support and prayers for our ministry.

For His Cause,

Jim Van Gelderen

