



# MILITARY EVANGELISM

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## **SAM AND HIS MOTHER**

Sam has been coming to the Center for over 3 years. He has been our “inviter-in-chief,” bringing more Marines to the Center than any other. He has provided leadership and encouragement to so many. He is one of the few we have seen get completely involved in his local church, teaching children’s Sunday School classes, VBS, and more. His last night with us was early this month, as he was transferring to Okinawa, Japan. A couple days before his last night, he got the call no one wants to receive. His mother had been diagnosed with cancer, and was in the hospital getting treatment. We had our Coin ceremony for him on a Friday night, then all of our Marines surrounded him and prayed for his mother. He left Jacksonville early the next morning. On Sunday afternoon, my phone rang. It was Sam. His mother died while he was just 200 miles from home. His father called him and put his mother on the phone and as they were talking she slipped into eternity. We praise God she knew the Lord. Her testimony was amazing. Pray for Sam as he will be in Okinawa by the time you get this letter. This is a tough time for him but He is strong in the Lord. We trust He will bring Sam through this tough time.

## **SERVICE PROJECTS**

Some of our Marines went over to Blue Creek Baptist here in Jacksonville to help with a Bible binding project. Each year Blue Creek assembles John/Romans pamphlets for Bearing Precious Seed. Last year they sent 15,000 pamphlets to Ukraine. This year they created 20,000 to go to Kenya. We helped the Chaplaincy on Camp Johnson this month with a Service Project. They needed to get 18 Marines off base to help unload a full tractor trailer load of pumpkins. The Chaplaincy has no vehicles they can use so they reached out to us. Patty and I picked them up using our ministries passenger vans. Each Marine got an invite to our Center and to Chapel. And a few came out to the Center the next week!

## **CAMP JOHNSON**

This month we saw many more new Marines come to the Center as a result of the Camp Johnson Chapel ministry. They are from all over the world. Jadier was in the Columbian Navy and had a joint operation with the USMC. He fell in love with the Corps and worked a two year process to come to America and transfer to the Corps. Floyd is a native of Hawaii. Ross came to the Center just one night, and was transferring to Pensacola the next week. She contacted me about finding a place to grow there. I was able to find her a church that she is now fully involved with and growing.

## **TRAVEL**

Though we were only “on the road” two days this month, we managed to visit three churches. Thank you to Quinton Baptist in Quinton, NJ and Grace Baptist in Hurlock, MD for having us in this month. At the end of the month I provided pulpit supply for our great friends at Friendly Community Baptist in nearby Burgaw, NC. When I am on the road I need to fill the pulpit at the Camp Johnson Chapel. I thank God for friends like Stan Budd, a local preacher planting a church next year, Chaplain Trey Byrns and Pastor Woody Whitt of Memorial Baptist. It is comforting to know that “my” pulpit is in good hands when I am away.

THANK YOU for your continued support of Military Evangelism. As the economy tanks, we are thankful to report that God is still faithful and we are closer to making our monthly budget than ever. The work of raising support never ends, as individual supporters graduate to Heaven, and churches often have to make changes. Please share our ministry with any friends or churches who don’t know about us!

 Dave Mason 9/1/16

From The Kitchen Window Ratty

It is a huge blessing to serve those who selflessly serve.

For some it is a lonely road and I love helping them get involved in and around our Community.

One of girls at the Center, her husband is deployed, she has lots of extra time on her hands, so she decided to join me in preparing and serving the food for each meal. We have so much fun cooking together.

Two of our other females were wanting to make friends, so I encouraged them not only to attend Church, but get involved. They now attend Sunday School / Small group, as well as the Church serve, and now one works in the Nursery and the other leads a middle School Small group.

It is amazing to see our Marines + Sailors grow + serve the Lord. ♡