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Birthday

Thanks to everyone who sent a card or greeting online for my birthday this month. It was a good month, Patty and I were able to getaway in the mountains for a few days. We spent time with our Grandchildren. We were able to travel to First Baptist Ogden, PA and our Home church, New Life Baptist in White Marsh, MD. We were blessed to see many old friends, visit some great places, and watch God take care of us.

Work Day

The last Saturday of the month we held a work day at the Center to get some yard work and more done. Six Marines and a couple volunteers from local churches showed up and we ended up with over a dozen lawn bags full of leaves, pine needles and rain gutter waste. We also worked inside on some new lighting for the Activity Hall and a deep clean of the Kitchen and Dining Room. We had Pizza afterwards and sat around for some fellowship. Times like this are what thrill us the most. It is special to talk and connect and get a glimpse into the lives of those God has put in our path.

Camp Johnson

The ministry at Camp Johnson continues to be a source of great blessings. Currently I am preaching through the Ten Commandments. On the last Sunday of the month, after a particularly convicting sermon, something amazing happened. There was a line of four Marines waiting patiently to talk to me after the service was over. There were tears (a rare thing to see on base) and lots of prayer as I tried to provide guidance and encouragement. One young man named Ricardo waited patiently until the end. He told me it was his first time ever in a "protestant" church service. He was curious how we were different from the Catholic church he was 'forced' to attend as a child. I took him through the Gospel and gave him a Bible (The first he had ever seen). I asked him if he wanted to dedicate his life to Christ. He said, "I've never read a word in the Bible before. Shouldn't I read some of it first and not just take your word for it?" WOW. I sent him to his barracks with a reading plan through the Gospel of John and a plan to talk later in the week. Pray for Ricardo. Pray he reaches out and that I can help him find faith in Jesus.

Holiday Prep

As you read this, we are busy prepping for the Holiday season. For Thanksgiving this year, we will hold our Annual Dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We do this specifically to try to give Marines and Sailors who are not able to go home for Thanksgiving Day a chance to have a real home cooked meal in a home setting. Pray for us as we are shopping. The supply chain crisis is hitting us in Jacksonville like everywhere else. We have to search for things often to find them in stock. Also, prices are up so much that we expect this dinner to nearly double our monthly food budget. Even before Thanksgiving, we are also prepping for Christmas. Our Annual Christmas Party will include presents for all the Troops, games with prizes, lots of party food, and more. The week before Christmas we will also be taking our Marines and Sailors on a Christmas Hayride, a tradition we started a couple years ago. It helps those who cannot go home for Christmas to feel the spirit of the season. Christmas morning, we are planning a special celebration in Chapel for the troops. Any help you can send so that we can feed and provide the comforts of home this Thanksgiving and Christmas is very much appreciated.

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