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New Vehicle

We want to thank every church and individual who gave so we could purchase our new ministry vehicle. Gifts were coming in right up to the day before we bought and every gift counted! On the last day of March we purchased a 2023 Hyundai, Palisade with room for 7, 4WD and navigation. We will be able to continue to pick up Marines on base, travel to churches (those that got cancelled will be getting calls in the next few weeks!) and accomplish ministry. A bonus: the dealership we purchased from, donates to military charities and they are processing us as one of the charities. Plus they gave us (since we are connected to the military) lifetime oil changes and a lifetime power train warranty! God is good.



Camp Johnson

Our song leader Sarah, an RP at Camp Johnson left for Okinawa this month, and she had brought on Erika who seamlessly stepped into the role and is actively recruiting new members of the song team! God just keeps blessing!

Texas Trip

Patty and I travelled to Texas for our 30th Anniversary, a trip we had been planning and saving for these last several months. While there, Patty got the Flu, I got a stomach bug, we had a rock thrown through the rear window of our rental vehicle and a few other bumps along the way. We both came back home sick and had to cancel a Tuesday night meeting. There was a week where Patty was here but I was out, and visa-versa! Thankfully we have some great friends in the ministry who pinch hit for us and helped us to keep the Center open, and to keep the Camp Johnson Chapel in good hands. Thank you Pastor Michael Schwalm of Centerview Baptist and Pastor Stan Budd of Eastview Baptist. You are a blessing.

Texas Roadhouse

Before COVID Texas Roadhouse here in Jacksonville was occasionally donating rolls and salads to us. This month they began that program again and we are receiving their donation every other week now. This helps us with the cost of food (one of our main costs of course) and we are very grateful. They also give us coupons to give to our Marines for free appetizers!

Friendly Cooking

Our good friends at Friendly Community Baptist in Burgaw, NC (About 50 minutes away) came and cooked for us one night at the Center, which helped greatly as this was one of the nights Patty was sick! Thank You Friendly!

Counseling

This month (between sick leaves!) I've been doing a good bit of counseling, both over the phone and over coffee. Some has been for personal issues with sin, family, or careers. Some has been with young men struggling to understand if they have been called to ministry. God is faithful to help me as I help each one, and to be an Elijah, calling Elisha's out of the field of secular work and into the fields of Ministry harvest.

THANK YOU for continuing in prayer and support for what we do for the Lord. YOU ARE our life line so we can be a lifeline to others!

DAVE MASON Rom 1:16 *Patty*

From the Kitchen Window

We have had several new Marines + Naval
Corpsmen sit around our dining tables since
the last time I shared with you.

We had a Super Bowl party and a young, Navy
(introverted) girl came with one of her friends.

The next week she came for dinner + Bible Study
and hung around to talk to me after her friend
left. She shared with me that that particular
meal was her first home cooked meal in almost a
year! She told me the reason she came back for dinner
was because she said the Center felt like family.

When she was in boot camp, her dad died and
shortly after that, her grandma (who raised her) died.
As far as family goes, she has an uncle and that is
it, well, until now. We are so thankful to have her
as part of our family. God is good ♡ Patty