



MILITARY EVANGELISM

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April was a busy, faith filled, Heaven blessed month! Here's a snapshot of all that happened:

SEDER/EASTER

For the 20th year I taught the "Christ in the Passover" Seder. It was the 7th year in a row at the Center. It is a highlight of the year for everyone as we look at each element of the Passover and how it points to Christ.

Blue Creek Baptist cooked for us that night, and three called on Christ for salvation! I taught the Seder the next evening (for the 3rd year in a row) at Catalyst Church for the Worship Team before their first Easter Service of the weekend. Then Easter Morning, I preached on the Resurrection at Camp Johnson Chapel and 5 more called on Christ! Oh, and then we handed out over 100 bags of Easter Candy to those in line at Chow Hall, and each bag had an invitation to the Center stuffed inside. Marines were leaving their place in line to come outside and to get a bag of candy!

SHOTGUNS

The next week, we partnered with Reload Ministries, here in Jacksonville, with my good friend Mike Figgins, to hold a Skeet shoot, BBQ, and Bible Study at the Camp Lejeune Skeet Range. 9 Marines from our Chapel Ministry attended and I preached on Character after we had grilled sausages and shot several hundred rounds! It was a beautiful day and I got to have some great conversations with these young men about their faith.

BAPTISMS

Two Sundays this month I baptized five Marines at Centerview Baptist here in Jacksonville. The first Sunday I baptized Dustin, who got saved at the Seder Dinner, and Danny, a newcomer to the Center who grew up at Centerview and just returned home after being stationed elsewhere. Then the last Saturday of the month I had two counseling sessions scheduled, breakfast with Josh K. and then lunch with Josh W! At Mission BBQ, over lunch, I was allowed by the Lord to help Josh W. gain heart knowledge of our Savior and he called on Him for salvation right there in the restaurant. I was privileged to baptize him the next morning along with Bryan (one of our Chapel Regulars) who wanted to testify his faith publicly (he was baptized as an infant and realized that he needed to be baptized AFTER salvation PTL) and Drake, a young Marine scheduled by the church to be baptized that morning. I met him for the first time and baptized him seconds later!

ROGER

This month Patty and I took a trip to Maryland to attend a wedding, visit family we had not seen in quite a while, bought some barnwood at a sale in PA so I can build new dinner tables for the Center, and to visit an old friend and mentor. Roger Boguski is a board member with Military Evangelism, and the Director of Olivet Ministries, Reaching God's Chosen People with the Good News that their Messiah has come. Roger has been my Bible Mentor for over 25 years. He is also a Marine who served in Vietnam from 1966-67. He called me a few months ago and asked if I could get him a set of Dress Blues. I told my Marines at the Center about this and they took up an offering and bought the uniform for Roger. Patty and I delivered it to Roger and his wife Ann this month. Tears flowed (even though Marines are not supposed to cry!) Roger never had a set of Dress blues. When he got home from Vietnam, medical issues forced him out before he could serve stateside for any length of time. He then blessed me with even more books to take home. (Roger is responsible for pushing me to create my library which now numbers over 2,000 volumes- small in comparison to his over 11,000!) We are ever so thankful for his ministry, his love for our ministry, his service to our Nation, and his and Ann's friendship.

COOKING HELP

We had so much help this month. Blue Creek Baptist cooked for us the first Friday. Then the good Folks at Kellum Baptist here in Jacksonville cooked the last Friday! The next day they had a car show at the church and stopped by afterwards with a BIG box of cookies, pulled pork, and coleslaw that was leftover from the show. What a blessing.

LUKE

The other big help this month was from our son (And Assistant Director) Luke who pitched in and ran the center for us for a whole week while we were in Maryland. Luke works a full-time job as a locksmith and had to juggle a few things around to be able to help us like he did. The Marines really appreciated it too. They get a lot out of Luke's Bible Studies as he speaks "their language" (as he's only a few years older than them!)

THANK YOU

Finally, THANK YOU for your continued support through Prayer and Financial help. Without you we could not reach these Marines and Sailors with the Gospel!

DAVE MASON + Patty
Rom 1:16



Roger and Dave



Dustin, Danny, Dave, Bryan, Josh after Baptisms!



Skeet Shoot on Camp Lejeune



The Seder Table



Seder Dinner at MFCJAX