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**YEAR-IN-REVIEW**

I'm often asked "What is next? What big thing do you need God to do in Military Evangelism?" My answer this year has consistently been "That God would continue to bless just as He has." I really feel like we are hitting on all cylinders and are in a great place in the ministry. As usual, our only issue is finances. Like most if not all missionaries, monthly support is always a challenge. But God is faithful, and just this month we picked up two new ministry partners right here in Jacksonville, NC. Catalyst Church and Kellum Baptist both took us on for monthly support and it is much appreciated. Despite the financial challenges, we must give God the Glory because the ministry here has not seen a more fruitful season than this current one.

In 2023 we saw many salvations. I was allowed of the Lord to lead Marines to Christ at the Center, in Chapel, at restaurants, and at our Thanksgiving dinner. THEN, we were blessed to baptize all of them, plus more that needed to rededicate their lives to Christ, or who realized their infant baptism was not Biblical. One Marine I baptized I met for the first time in the baptistery! I had four to baptize that day and Pastor Mike at Centerview Baptist asked me if I could baptize one more while I was in the tank. Danny and I shook hands, introduced ourselves, and then I baptized him! He began attending the Center the next week and is now one of our core people at the Center.

When I took this ministry on in 2016, I asked the Lord for many "Timothy's," young men called to preach under our ministry. Four announced their call to full time ministry this year, bringing our total to 11 young men called to the ministry in 8 years. Praise God.

We did finish a few physical projects at the Center this year, including the security fence, and repairs to the roof over the kitchen. We discovered another small leak at our last meeting of the year so I will be climbing on the roof next week to tar that spot where the new construction met the original building.

Keep our Troops in your prayers. Two of our Center regulars are on deployment and could find themselves in dangers way at any time. Many more are preparing for deployments this year.

**CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS**

We had a great Christmas season at the Center this year. We always try to give our Troops gifts at our annual Christmas party. Financially we were wondering how we would do that this year, and right on time, God stepped in. A local friend of the ministry texted to ask what we needed. I told him of our desire to bless our troops, and the next week we had all the money we needed to give all our guys and gals gift bags, gift cards, and more!

**CHAPEL MINISTRY**


Things are different at the Chapel now that we have a new chaplain. However, God is blessing and I was able to preach twice this month and make some great contacts. One of our regulars brought her sister to the New Years Eve service and we were pleasantly surprised to find she was one of our regulars at Chapel about 18 months ago! I am helping the older sister find a church near the Marine Air Base in SC where she is now stationed. We are still picking up Marines and Sailors on Friday nights from Camp Johnson and look to even more involvement in the spring.

**THANK YOU**

As 2023 closes, we just want to say thank you to all who give faithfully and all who gave end-of-year gifts, you really helped us to end the year strong. Pray with us for 10 new supporting churches in 2024 so we can reach many more for Christ.

*DAVE MASON* from 1:16 of Patter?

- From the Kitchen Window -

The holidays at the Center are a very special time. We had several for Thanksgiving on Sunday & it seemed like just as many for leftovers on Tuesday. Our Christmas tree was decorated by Marines & Sailors that were missing home. I said to them, "you don't have to put up all of the decorations," to which they replied, "yes we do!" I love to curb their homesickness during the holidays by keeping them busy. We made gingerbread houses, took a "family" picture with them, ate lots of cookies & candy, played games, watched Charlie Brown's Christmas, gave out stockings and most importantly we studied the Bible to learn more about our Lord & Savior. What a blessing this holiday season was - God Bless you this New Year!   
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