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SAVED AND BAPTIZED!

May started the best way possible. On our first Tuesday night meeting Kristoffer visited for the first time, brought by his friend Josh. After our Bible study on the Ten Commandments Kristoffer approached me and asked me what he needed to do to be baptized. I sat him down at one of our dining room tables and began questioning him. About 15 minutes later he was calling on Christ for his salvation! I took him into the Activity hall and told everyone there he had just accepted Christ and all of our Marines and Sailors began applauding. The following Sunday I baptized him in a local church. He has not been able to come to the Center regularly, as he works 12 hour shifts and gets off too late. Pray for him about his schedule. I have a Life Application Bible waiting for him when he can return.

BAPTIZING A FRIEND

In the middle of the month we were privileged to travel to Rosedale, Md, just north of Baltimore to baptize an old friend. Tim and I have known each other since 1986 when we were both students and then professionals in the Radio Broadcasting business. We both went into law enforcement after Radio, and Tim still is. He got saved years ago but never followed the Lord in Baptism until now. I promised him back then that if he would, I would perform the baptism for him. We were so blessed that Pastor Scott Tewell at Rosedale Baptist allowed me to come up and baptize my friend (Pastor Scott is an old friend as well, he and I attended the same monthly pastors meetings for years). After the service Tim took me and Patty to his favorite pizza place in Dundalk and we had a great time of fellowship. That night I preached at my sending church, New Life Baptist in White Marsh for Pastor Josh Brewer. That weekend we also got to see my parents, sister and brother-in-law and take a trip to Lancaster county to some old favorite spots (Goodes Store, C.R. Lapps... if your know the area you know!) It was a great weekend trip.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

This month I was blessed to host and preach a conference for local pastors at the Center. I preached on Missions giving. It is one of my secondary callings, I believe, to encourage pastors to lead their churches to a greater involvement in supporting missionaries. When I pastored in Maryland our church at its best ran around 60 people. But we supported 35 missionaries at \$75 per month each. I was a missions minded pastor, and I still am! That's why it's so special for me and Patty to partner with you. To borrow an illustration from Willam Carey, we were on the rope-holding side once, and now we are down in the mines digging for souls and supported by churches and individuals like you. We have seen both sides of the process- it works!

FINANCIAL HELP

Speaking of finances, we rarely make any pleas, but we have seen a slight decline in offerings as well as a sharp increase in costs. Our building insurance alone is now over \$600 per month and utilities are going up steadily. As Paul said in Philippians 4:17 "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." The work must continue, and as someone who has been on both sides of the missions/church relationship I know how the blessings of God are tied to faithful and consistent service, giving, and prayer. We want more Kristoffer's. We want to continue discipling. I keep having Marines come to me for advice on whether ministry is a calling on their life (another asked me about that just last night). None of that is possible without the finances needed to keep the lights on and the stoves full. Thank you for your continued faithful support. We can't do this without you

 Dave Mason
Rom 1:16