

MILITARY EVANGELISM



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BEAR CREEK

We had the opportunity to present the ministry of Military Evangelism to a new (to us) church this month. Bear Creek Baptist's pastor, had me in to present the Passover Seder on Palm Sunday this year. He asked that I come back and present what we do to the congregation. We had a wonderful reception, many wanted to know how they could help. We are thankful for local partners who not only support us financially, but on site!

TRAVEL

We were able to take a little down time this month with the extended leave our Marines and Sailors had for 4th of July. Most of our Troops were out of town on leave the first part of the month. We kept in touch with them and welcomed them back from their travels. Early one Saturday morning I woke Patty and told her to pack. We are going to Charlotte! We travelled that morning and spent the day relaxing and shopping before staying the night at a local hotel. In the morning, we visited the Central Station Cowboy Church where Jeff Smith is the pastor. What a wonderful congregation. I felt right at home with all the other fellas wearing cowboy hats and boots.

KITCHEN HELP

Patty did not cook any Friday night meals this month. We were closed on the 4th and the other 3 Fridays we had churches cook for us. Two life groups from Catalyst church cooked, including one ran by and attended by several of our Marines! It was sweet to have half a dozen or our own Marines show up at 5:00, cook, serve and clean up Dinner! These Marines know how to serve in the church and we couldn't be more proud of them.

NEW VISITORS

As you know from our previous letters, we have been hit by many deployments, training operations and departures to other bases, and those leaving the Marine Corps after finishing their contracts. This month alone we had to say goodbye to 3 of our Marines. God is faithful to send us more. Each Tuesday and Friday night service this month we have had multiple new visitors. Most have become regulars in a very short time. By the end of the year most of our Marines will have been with us less than a year.

ON BASE OPPORTUNITIES

An unexpected, incredible, God-sent opportunity was laid in our lap at the end of the month. We received a message from a company on Camp Gieger where Marines with medical or disciplinary issues are quartered. To make a long story short- I have been asked to visit the base once a week and just sit down with a few Marines who are looking for guidance. Each week it will probably be different ones as they move through this unit often. I will be allowed to bring snacks, meet with whoever wishes to talk, bring a Bible devotional, and just talk and offer life advice to these Marines whose careers may be at an end. We love our ministry at Camp Johnson (I am preaching there 5 times this summer alone), but we have been praying for almost 10 years now that God would open up a door on another base. We never dreamed it would be Gieger, an underserved base for ministries in our town. Pray for this new venture. God is on the move!

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