



MILITARY EVANGELISM

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CHRISTMAS

Once again, we enjoyed our Christmas celebrations at the Center this year. Gingerbread house making one week, and a Christmas party the next week. The last Friday before Christmas we met those that were still in town at a local burger place and had a sweet night of fellowship. This is our annual tradition, a way to be a blessing one more time to those who have duty, or just cannot get home for Christmas. In all, over 50 Marines and Sailors were at the Center in December. Each received a Christmas gift bag thanks to your generosity. This year my contribution to the gift bags were copies of "My Utmost For His Highest" by Oswald Chambers. As a mentor of mine once said, its' not the only devotional out there, but it is the best. Pray with us that each of our Marines commit this year to reading this along with their Bibles every day.

BAPTISMS

In December I had a unique opportunity that meant the world to me as both a pastor and a father. A few of my Marines and a Marine wife approached me about getting baptized. All attend Catalyst Church here in Jacksonville. Catalyst is a faithful partner with us in reaching our military. My son Ben is one of the pastors at Catalyst. He arranged for me to baptize 5 during the church's Baptism Sunday on the 14th. There were 20 others to baptize in the service. Ben baptized, then handed off the service to me with a high five and a hug and I baptized my 5. Ben was shouting over the worship music "THAT'S MY DAD!" It was a special moment to baptize alongside my youngest son. We are grateful for the local churches who allowed me to baptize our troops who attend the Center.

BREAK

We had a two week break as most of our Troops headed home for the holiday break. I had grand plans for the break but ended up getting sick with the flu. I did manage to get into my art studio at our house and organize and get things ready to start in earnest on my Systematic Theology project, a doctrinal series written and illustrated as a comic book! The first book will be a 32-page explanation of the doctrine of Justification. Later I will return to my fourth book "Forgiveness" which had to be shelved these last two years as I finished my Master's degree in Biblical Studies (I graduate in May!) Pray for me as I really want to see both of these projects in print soon.

ANNIVERSARY

Incredibly, January 1 will mark 10 years for Patty and I with Military Evangelism. We moved away from our hometown for the first time in our lives and came to Jacksonville knowing only one person in the area. We want to thank you for sticking with us all these years. The notes and emails we get from you really are a great encouragement. That you believe in what we are doing means the world to us. THANK YOU to everyone who, as William Carey said, has not let go of the rope of support, who has faithfully prayed and funded our mission to reach our military with the Gospel. Here's looking forward, if the Lord tarries, to the next 10 years!

LOOKING FORWARD

We start back up the first week of January with new lesson series on Tuesday and Friday nights. We will split OT and NT studies for most of this year. We will go through the Life of David and Galatians to start. Also, please pray for those in our fellowship who are deployed in the Caribbean right now. We are trusting God they will be back home with us soon! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

From The Kitchen Window

Patty ♡
Mason
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Looking at pictures from the past year bring so much joy.

We have been invited to many promotion ceremonies this year, we've seen several get married, a few become parents, seen several deploy + several return, many have relocated (PCS'd), several have completed their time in the Corp or Navy and gone home and it is a joy to celebrate each one.

It is a blessing to be able to serve a warm meal to each person who comes through our doors.

But the greatest blessing + joy comes from seeing the growth, spiritual growth! Their faith is something they can take with them and share it where ever they go in the world. 2025 = blessings ♡
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