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BAPTISM

The new year started off a few days late as we did not meet until the 6th as most were still out of town on Friday the 2nd. But what a start. In December one of our Marines brought a friend from his unit who was an atheist. I spoke with him at length, gave him a Bible and an assignment to read the Gospel of John. He returned the first Tuesday of January, but I didn't get the chance to talk with him that night. Later that evening my Marine called me to tell me he led his friend to the Lord! We baptized him the following Sunday! I don't share their names because both are currently forward deployed, but pray for our new brother in Christ, God knows his name. It is always exciting to see someone come to Jesus. It is even more exciting for me when one of my Marines is the soul-winner. That means our ministry is reproducing generationally. We reach these young Troops, but then they take the instruction we offer and become witnesses themselves.

DEPLOYMENT

Please pray for all our Troops who are forward deployed. Currently we have eight of our regulars scattered across the globe in harms way. From the Arctic to Africa and especially in the Caribbean, where several have been sent in the last few months as tensions rise. Still more are heading out this month. Your prayers make a difference, and we covet them.

NEW SERIES

We started the new year with two new teaching series at the Center. On Tuesdays we are going through the Life of David and on Friday's the book of Galatians. We should be studying David for the next 3 months and Galatians for 5-6 months. So far the response to both series has been phenomenal. Life lessons abound in a study of Davids victories and failures, and Galatians is second only to Romans in doctrinal teaching. Pray for me as I continue to study and present these lessons to our Marines.

IVY HALL

Our new ministry at Camp Geiger includes occasionally preaching at the new chapel service in Ivy Hall. The last Sunday of January I preached to about 250 Marines in their 2nd week of their 5-week training on Geiger. Over 20 hands went up for salvation at the invitation! Afterwards Patty and I were able to talk to about 16 Marines in person, some had raised their hands, others needed us to pray for them. Many good contacts were made, and we expect that some of those we met will stay in our area and we will be able to continue ministering to them.

10 YEARS

The last Friday in January was the ten-year anniversary of the first meeting we held at the Center after arriving in Jacksonville where I taught, and Patty cooked. In these ten years we have been blessed beyond measure. Over 120 baptisms, many more salvations, and 22 young men called into full time ministry. God allowed us to invest in the Camp Johnson Chapel which I pastored for three years and continue to serve at regularly. We saw God raise the funds so we could connect the two buildings and create one large "home away from home" for our Marines and Sailors with a dining room, activity hall and living room. We have seen lives transformed as those God sent to us have walked away from alcohol, promiscuity, foul language and the after-hours lifestyle prevalent in the military. Four Marines are currently in full time ministry, others are in Bible college and a few others are awaiting till their time in the Corps is over to pursue ministry. God is faithful. And your faithfulness makes it all possible. THANK YOU!


ROM 1:16