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BASE MINISTRIES

March started with an invitation to the New River Chapel Banquet held by the command Chaplain. It was a great night of fellowship with other military ministries in town. Each of us volunteer our time at the Chapel in different areas. We are thankful that the Lord allows us to do our outreach on multiple bases here in Jacksonville. Another base in our area is Camp Geiger, and our ministry at Lima Company continues to reach a few Marines at a time. Timothy has been attending our studies every Wednesday for over a month now. I gave him a new Bible on his second week and every week he returns with the passages he has read underlined and marked for further study.

FAMILY MILESTONES

March is a big month for our family. On the 6th Patty and I celebrated our 33rd Wedding Anniversary during one of our regular Friday night Bible studies. Our granddaughter Tilly turned 5, and our son Luke and his wife Callie both had birthdays and their wedding anniversary as well. We also had some family from out of state visit. In all March came in and left like a lion!

DEPLOYMENTS

Please keep our deployed Marines and Sailors in prayer. Many have returned but others have had their deployments extended due to the current international tension. But the exciting part is the ministry they are engaging in while deployed. I gave a few my complete set of Doctrinal lessons I have preached through the years and they have been using my notes to lead bible studies in the field and on the ship. One of my Marines in Norway called me just before he left to come home to tell me about his witness to a good friend in his unit. He had been witnessing to this fellow for over 8 months, and the witness continued during their deployment. The last day before they were to return to Jacksonville this friend came to him and asked "how do I pray?" My Marine led him to place his faith in Christ and we hope to baptize in the next few weeks! *By the way, even with so many on deployment, we had 12 first time visitors at the center this month! God is good!*

CELL PHONE BIBLE STUDIES

The only reason I still have a smart phone is for the ease of texting with my Marines. Every week I get a few questions by text, both from my regulars here in Jacksonville and from Marines in the middle east, Japan, the west coast, all over the world. This month two men sharing the same name stood out. Vinnie texted me a question about Jesus' admonition in Matthew 7 not to cast our pearls before swine. The next week he called and we spoke for about 15 minutes on the Sermon on the Mount. Last week Vincent texted me a very long question regarding Job's faith and he tied it to conversations he has been having with a colleague who says he left the faith after all of his family died and he read some extra-biblical writings. He now practices Shinto. I told Vincent to treat this man as if he never believed, as I John 2:19 teaches. Keep praying for my Marines and Sailors who are active in study and active in sharing their faith.

LION'S DEN

We ended the month with a "Lion's Den" Q&A session on a Tuesday night. I have been doing this since I was pastoring a local church, over 20 years. This is holding a service where I have no sermon prepared, but instead open the floor to any question from the Bible. The discussions that come from this often lead to long and thoughtful back and forth that encourages others to ask questions they may have been frightened to ask. This month the questions ranged from witnessing to cults, to what Hell is like, and keeping our faith in the face of hardships.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!


ROM 1:16

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From the Kitchen Window

Happy Spring ♡ I hope you and your family are well. We have be doing well, elbows deep in pollen, but well.

We have had so many deployments since September, we celebrate that many are back around the table and we anticipate the arrival of more soon. Some who have come back are bringing fellow Marines they met on deployment to Bible Study. It is a blessing to hear many have started Bible Studies on deployment and even had their peers to Jesus. Please pray for the service men + women who have been extended on deployment.

This month we will go Strawberry picking with our guys and gals and I will teach them how to make jam. God Bless You, Patty