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CHAPEL MINISTRY

The Chapel Ministry at Camp Johnson continues to be blessed. One aspect of the ministry there is the weekly ELR Training session. ELR stands for Entrance Level Receiving and every Thursday I take part in a briefing for 50-200 Marines, depending on how many arrive on base each week from Paris Island and San Diego. I introduce the New Students to the Chapel Ministry, invite them out, hand out my business card from the Center and even do some quick counseling after the briefing. Many come to ask questions about getting back into church or other issues. For the last few weeks, the Chaplain has been away and has, as in the past, handed the briefing over to me to run. It's a great opportunity. It is a strange and wonderful feeling to be a civilian who was never in the military to be entrusted with an official Marine Corps staff briefing. Please keep praying the ministry on Johnson keeps being available to us. Every time a Chaplain moves (about every 2-3 years), we risk having our part in the Chapel ministry reduced. My heart is at Camp Johnson. The staff there have started calling me the Pastor of the Protestant Chapel. Having a place to preach every Sunday means so very much to me.

TWO MARINES

Over the last few months, two Marines have been a constant source of frustration, confusion, excitement, and great blessing. They come from very different worlds, but both are intelligent beyond their years and that has been a great hinderance to both as they question EVERYTHING. Through God's grace, I have seen both grow. I helped one to settle the heart issue of his salvation and baptized him about a month ago. The other is thinking about getting baptized again as a public testimony of his renewed commitment to Christ. BOTH have humbled themselves before a Holy God and are submitting to the leadership of their local churches and to my mentorship. As someone who only has two of his spiritual mentors still on the earth (of six), it is humbling and honoring to become the mentor to such young men of great faith and promise. When I came here seven years ago, I asked God for Timothy's. He is answering that prayer over and over again.

MISSIONS GROUP FROM NJ

We were blessed to have a missions group from Emmanuel Church in Egg Harbor, NJ come visit for a week this month and do some great work on the buildings here in Jacksonville. New Facia boards behind our gutters, a fixed floor in our Activity Hall, new lights in the kitchen and EVERYTHING power washed outside barely describes how hard they worked. THANK YOU Emmanuel!

GOD'S MOVING @MFCJAX

We thank God for how He is moving at the Center. Since Good Friday, we have seen many saved, others rededicate their lives to the Lord, have baptized 7 and there are more baptisms to come. Also, another Marine announced his call to ministry, and I know of a few others who are praying about following the Lord in Ministry. Keep praying for the Lord's work here. We are training up the next generation of Christian Leaders.

COIN CEREMONY

We had to say goodbye to another long-time member of the MFCJAX family this month. Miles has been with us for over 3 ½ years, and there were 2 deployments that took him away during that time. He kept coming back when he was in town and we thank God for his fellowship and for the growth we saw in his life.

THANK YOU again for your faithful prayer and financial support. YOU make our ministry possible!

DAVE MASON Rom 1:16

A Joyful Note From the Kitchen Window



Last quarter I introduced you to Faith.

This quarter I need to brag on this beautiful soul who is growing daily in Christ. This past Sunday she was baptized at Centerview Baptist Church and brought 10 friends that she works with to witness this special occasion. She has attended every Bible Study here at the Center. She loves reading her Bible and taking notes. Currently she is trying to memorize scripture.

When I first was introduced to Faith, I said to her, "so I guess you walk by faith," puzzled, she responded, "yea, I guess so." She shared with me that it wasn't until a few weeks ago that she fully understood what her name (Faith) really meant. I have to say her life is transformed. Week after week she is growing in her faith.



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