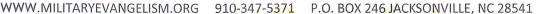


# MILITARY EVANGELISM

THE MILITARY FELLOWSHIP CENTER







## August 2023

## Chapel

The last Wednesday of the month, we had the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Camp Johnson Chapel Dedication. Patty and I were invited by the Camp Deputy Commander to attend. Upon arriving we were surprised to find that I was asked to speak on the Chapel Ministry and to help cut the ribbon. It was a God-ordained moment to recognize our ministry at the Chapel these last 7 years. We look forward to moving into the new Chapel in the coming weeks.



#### Nathan

This month Nathan Varela began his 5-month internship with us through the Marine Corp Skillbridge program. Nathan finished his contract with the Corps, and until January he will be working for us while being paid by the military. It's a new program to help get servicemembers real time experience in the field they intend to enter after their service ends. Nathan will be attending Bible College next spring and plans to enter full time ministry. We met Nathan a few years ago at Camp Johnson when he first arrived as a student. He became a regular at our Center, married a sweet young lady named Micah (you've probably read about her in previous letters) and was called into the ministry during his time with us. Pray for Nathan and Micah. Nathan is busy reading through a two-foot-high stack of books that I gave him. He will teach his first lesson at the Center in September and is already scheduled to preach at Chapel and at a local pastors conference this fall!

### **Kellum Shoot**

My good friend Mike Figgins who I work with from time to time as a guest speaker at his shooting events asked me to come to his church, Kellum Baptist here in Jacksonville this month. Once again it was a skeet shoot, but this time for the men and boys at his church. We shot, had a great dinner off the grill, and I preached the C.O.R.P.S Acronym (Character, Opportunity, Respect, Passion, Service) that I wrote years ago. 42 men and dozens of boys were there as well as my son Luke. He said it was like old times, just me and him, and he even had to pass out my lesson papers like when he was a kid! Kellum is becoming a very faithful partner with us and we couldn't be more thrilled.

## **Local Churches Help**

We praise God for each of our supporting churches. One of our long-desired prayers is coming to pass, as we have more churches in our area getting involved with the ministry of Military Evangelism. Four local churches are coming out on a regular basis to cook for us on Friday nights. Those and others are regularly informing their military members in their church to visit us. Currently we have two churches in the area that plan to take us on for new support in the next quarter. God is so very good all the time! Financially we are getting closer to staying in the black every month. Another long-time supporting church just doubled their monthly giving, and we believe we will move into 2024 on a solid financial footing. Praise God!

Finally, on a personal note, pray for me as I am stepping up my commitment to write. I have completed a few new articles that I am submitting to various publications, and I am ramping up my work on my next book that I hope to finish next year.

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