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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

We started October in Clinton, MD at the Missions Conference at Camp Springs Community Church. Pastor Lowther and his people are always great hosts, and we had a wonderful time presenting the ministry and preaching in the evening service. Later in the month we travelled up to Keyport, NJ to be with Pastor Joshua Sahl and the fine folks at First Baptist Church. Then we finished the month at Friendly Community Baptist in Burgaw, NC where one dear soul called on Jesus to be her Savior! This all but completes our "make-up" tour of churches we could not visit when we were in the process of replacing the ministry vehicle this spring. There are a few churches left, and I will be contacting you soon!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On the 22nd I turned 57 years old. A Senior by many standards (though I've been getting Senior coffees for years due to my silver hair!) I feel like I have passed into the "Sage" stage of life, where my primary task is to impart as much into the next generation as I can with the time left to me. Several of our Marines gave me Birthday cards all thanking me for being their mentor and Bible guide. This is why I do what I do!

NATHAN PREACHES

Our Intern Nathan is progressing through the stages of his time with us as I laid his instruction schedule out. This month he prepared and delivered his first sermon ever. Before he presented it to the Marines on a Tuesday night, I had him preach it to me and another local pastor. Afterwards we critiqued him and gave advice. Nathan did a great job for his first sermon. He presented it at the next weeks Dinner and Bible Study and everyone attending said it really blessed them. I have him scheduled to teach at three more of our regular weekly services before he finishes his internship in January and heads off with his wife Micah to Bible College.

COUNSELING

This month has had its share of heartaches as well as victories, and both Patty and I have had to help and counsel our Troops through these tough times. Some are having a hard time adjusting to Military life, others are battling addictions and bad habits. I have been encouraged by the progress of one of our Marines who has a bad habit of overthinking everything, to the point that he begins to lose faith that God is there to help and guide. It has been a long road of counseling this young man, but I have seen God do a wonderous work in his heart. He still has a long way to go (Don't we all?) I am confident God will work out everything to His good!

FMTB GIRLS

At the end of September, the Chapel was blessed with a fresh influx of Marines and Sailors. Most of the influx was 8 young female Sailors in the FMTB (Medical) School who all arrived at the same time. God performed a miracle for these young women as Corpsmen are usually confined to the base for the first 5 weeks of classes. These ladies desperately wanted to come to the Center and get a taste of "normal" life. The Second Friday they were on base a waiver was granted, and they have been at every Friday night meeting in addition to Sunday Chapel ever since!

THANKSGIVING PREPARATIONS

Keep us in prayer this month as we prep for our BIG Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 1:00 pm. This is a huge outreach for us as those who would not ordinarily come, but come to this for a 'Home Cooked' Thanksgiving Dinner with ALL of the fixins'. Pray with us, our goal this year is to feed 80+ Marines and Sailors with food and the Word of God.

DAVE MASON Rom 12:16 & Patty