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Turkeys... and the Refrigerator!

We received a gift of frozen Turkey breasts on Wednesday May 1. Over 500 lbs. of frozen Turkey breasts! The newly donated freezer was filled to the top, and we had to put more in the small chest freezer we already had. We distributed dozens of them to our Marine families, made Turkey Tacos, distributed more in the following weeks, and still have a full freezer. We had a small setback afterwards when we came to the Center after a long weekend and discovered our refrigerator (over 16 years old) had died completely and we lost everything in it! But God is faithful, more than enough came in through special offerings to replace it within a few days.

Baptisms

We were blessed to baptize two Marines in May. Marquise and Joshua both came from Christian backgrounds and both had solid salvation testimonies. But neither had submitted to believers baptism by immersion since salvation. Both are solid regular members of a local church now, and regulars at the Center. God is Good!

Preaching

I had the opportunity to preach on three Sundays this month. On Mother's Day I preached at a new Church plant near Jacksonville, EastView Baptist. Pastor Stan Budd is a good friend here in Jacksonville and we were thrilled to be with his folks on such a special day. They just celebrated one year of meeting and are growing strong. The next two Sundays I was able to fill in for the Chaplain at the Camp Johnson Chapel. It is always a special time when Patty and I get to run the service there like we did for over 3 years. Each time we meet precious young Marines and Sailors who become fast friends. The last Sunday several of our regulars from the Center came to hear me preach as they are about to deploy overseas and wanted a little more fellowship time. Pray for these young men as they cross the Globe defending our freedom.

Lunches

I had the opportunity this month to spend a little extra time with two of our guys. Josh is going on deployment and we took the opportunity to watch a great old film based on a mutually loved Ray Bradbury book at the Center together. Then we went to the "locals" burger joint, Jeffs and had lunch. We talked about literature (Josh is an aspiring writer), relationships, a bit of philosophy and we also parsed out some Scripture. Later this month I was able to help a young Sailor who graduates at the end of the month. He needed some supplies so I took him into town and then to lunch at a different burger joint. Trenton is an RP (Religious Programs) specialist. He is a Chaplains assistant. He intentionally pushed towards this assignment as his intention is to use his GI Bill to go to Bible College and Seminary. He is open to being either a Missionary or a Navy Chaplain. I was blessed to share some of my "war stories" from the ministry and to encourage Trenton in his pursuing God's Call on his life. He is off to the West Coast, and I am sure we will stay in touch.

****While it is our pleasure to mail giving receipts and prayer letters, we would like to offer to email our monthly prayer letter to you in order to save postage (we will continue to mail YEAR END giving statements). If you would like to be added to our email list, please include your email address with your next offering or send us an email at: militaryfellowshipctr@gmail.com . On July 14, 2024, postage will increase to \$0.73 per letter and we would like to be good stewards of what the Lord provides.****

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Rom 1:16