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BACK ON THE ROAD

June was a month of travel for us. We started at Jonestown Bible Church in Jonestown, PA, visiting with my good friend Pastor Larry Greiner and his church for their annual Church Picnic. A week home and I headed back out by myself to Maryland to attend a pastors fellowship and officiate the wedding of Kevin and April in Owings Mills, MD. Kevin is one of our faithful Sailors. He asked me a while back to officiate the ceremony and we went through my Marriage counseling program via FaceTime in the preceding months. Patty had to stay home as we had previously agreed to watch a couple grandchildren for the weekend.

BIRTHDAYS

June is a big birthday month for the Mason's. Two of our grandchildren, Patty, and a daughter-in-law all celebrate birthdays in June. Patty's was special this year as it fell on a Friday. Our Marines and Sailors showered their North Carolina Mom with gifts, cards and hugs.

TEXT MESSAGES

One of the unexpected avenues of ministry for me is text messaging. I hold about a half dozen "Bible Studies" via texts each month. Some are from those still with us here in Jacksonville. Most are from Marines and Sailors who have moved to other duty stations but still seek my advice on the Bible. This month I got a text from Jesiah, an RP (Chaplains Assistant) who is now in Okinawa, Japan. His text came through while I was asleep (time differences are a challenge!). I answered when I woke up and thankfully, he was still awake! I took him through the "text" in question, gave him a few notes from Thayer's Lexicon and answered a few more questions that came up as a result. Though texting can be frustrating, I cherish these interactions, being able to keep speaking into the lives of my Troops even after their time with me has ended.

VBS

First Baptist of Maysville (a 20 minute drive from Jacksonville) "adopted" us as their VBS Missionaries this year. On the first day of their program Patty and I were able to share what we get to do each week at the Center for our Military for about 20 minutes to each class of children. They also had a "drive" to collect paper goods for the Center and our pantry is full. PRAISE GOD!

SPIRITUAL WARFARE LESSONS

A few months ago one of my Marines asked if I could speak sometime on Spiritual Warfare. We started the lessons in the middle of June and I expect the whole series will take until Autumn is upon us. Right now, we are just identifying the enemies of the faith that we need to be equipped to fight: The World, the Flesh and the Devil, and the Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eyes and the Pride of Life. Soon we will dive deep into Ephesians 6 and the Whole Armor of God. The best part as always is the Q&A after the lesson. I love being put on the spot and having to come up with an answer to their questions. It keeps me in my Bible, on my knees, and "on my toes!"

THANK YOU for your continued support! You make what we do possible!!


Rom 1:16

The Kitchen Window - ^{From} Patty

I can't even believe we are in the 3rd quarter of the year! Time does fly when we are having fun and also when we are busy about the Lord's work! This last month I was able to take 9 of our girls to a woman's event and we were treated as VIP's, sat on the front row and spent the evening worshipping + learning from the Bible.

On the first day of Summer, we celebrated my birthday. Never have I ever felt more loved + celebrated by our guys and girls at the Center. From singing loud, to all the hugs and well wishes and ~~so~~ special gifts from others. I am humbled by the love + kindness each of our Marines + Sailors pour out on me! ❤️

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