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John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

First, I would like to thank everyone for praying for Meghan's recovery. Her arm is healing and she is doing much better. Lou Anne and I would also like to thank those that have sent cards and gifts to Meghan it has been a great encouragement to us to see people care about our family.

In January, 2010, I was restricted from entering the Mayport Navy Base by the Commanding Officer, Captain Bowman, for the period of one year for passing out gospel tracts. Keep in mind that I am a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, and should have free access to the base. I called the Christian Law Association (CLA) and explained my situation. CLA wrote a letter on my behalf to Captain Bowman which persuaded him to reinstate my access to the Base. I thank God for CLA assistance and their willingness to help me in this situation. Please pray for Captain Bowman's salvation.

This past Saturday morning, I received a phone call from a good Samaritan. He asked me if I was the pastor of Freedom Independent Baptist Church. After I told him I was, he told me that he had noticed one of the large front windows of the church had been smashed out and that there was glass all over the place. I took one of the men from our church, some tools, and clean up equipment to the church. When we arrived at the church we noticed a big piece of cement had been thrown through one of the big 68x52 picture windows. What a big mess. I called the police to the scene to investigate. The police officer did her investigation, asking me a number of questions. As we talked I began to ask her a number of questions also, but on a spiritual plane. We talked for about forty five minutes or so. She is saved and is a very nice lady who has been through a lot in her life. When we were done talking, I prayed and asked God to protect her while she is on duty and then I prayed for her family. She looked at me with tears in her eyes and a smile on her face and said, "Pastor, I am glad they threw a rock through your window." I said, "What?" She said she was also glad she was the officer who received the call to respond to the church vandalism, because if it were not for the vandalism she may have never met me. She said she was very encouraged because of our conversation and our time in prayer. I thank God for using a rock so that I would have opportunity to be used by Christ in that police officer's life. Please pray for her and her family.

Please pray about our building situation. Presently we are meeting in a store front build with the total of 900 sqft which includes the sanctuary, Jr. Church/club room, nursery and the bathroom. We have run out of room in the Jr. Church and the sound from Jr. Church comes through the wall into the sanctuary during the service. We really need a larger place to meet but things are very expensive near Navy base because the base is on the water near the Jacksonville beaches. Also, there will be an aircraft carrier home ported here soon which will drive price up even more. God know our situation and He is faithful to meet our needs. Therefore please continue to pray for this important need for our church.

Urgent: Please pray for a lady in our church, she is pregnant and her doctor has told her that her unborn baby may have severe medical problems. Please pray for the sailors and their families here in the Mayport area, that we can reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ and then train them to serve Him.

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In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family