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2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Since I was called by God to be a missionary to the military, my hopes and prayers to the Lord was to win military folks and their families to Christ, baptize them and then train them to serve the Lord, Jesus Christ. I have prayed for those faithful men that 2Timothy speaks of. I continue to pray that God would raise up young men in our church that have a desire to preach the word of God. Also, that Christians would be excited to do something for Jesus. Two weeks ago, on a Sunday night, one of our sailors, Nathan, preached his first sermon. It was a good message, no doubt from his heart, which penetrated the hearts of those who heard the message. When he gave the invitation almost all who were present left their seats and went to the altar to pray. I don't know who was more excited, Nathan or me, about his message and desire to preach the word of God. Please pray for Nathan he is presently out to sea trying to start a Bible study on the ship. This morning during the morning service two of our ladies sang their first special in our church. It was a tremendous blessing and they are planning to sing again very soon. Jeremy, another one of our sailors, will be preaching his first sermon on August 17, during the p.m. service.

I do have unspeakable joy as God has given to me the desires of my heart to see the lost saved and then to see them grow in Christ.

Last Sunday morning one of our families brought a first time visitor who is a Navy dependent wife named Domicia. She sat intently listening to the sermon. After the service I asked her if she understood the message she said she did. I then asked her if she was 100% sure if she were to die would she go to Heaven. She said she didn't know if she would or not. I took the Bible and went through the plan of salvation. She realized her lost condition and she said she wanted to be saved. She bowed her head praying and asked Jesus to save her. Domicia returned to attend the evening service, bringing her daughter with her. Pray for the salvation of Domicia's husband. He is in the Navy and lost. I thank God that folks in our church have compassion and are willing to bring others to church to hear the gospel. There are so many military families in the Mayport area that need to be saved. Please pray that God will soften the hearts of the lost in our area and that God will continue to use us and our church to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for the salvation of Captain Bowman who is the commanding officer at Mayport Naval Base. Pray for revival in our church, that many will surrender to be used full time in our Lord's service. Please pray for those who were recently saved that they would be faithful to church. Please continue to pray for a larger space where we can have more room for Sunday school classes and a larger nursery. Pray that God will continue to use Freedom Independent Baptist Church to reach many sailors and their families for Christ.

In Christ,  
Brother Chris War and Family