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Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

In my last prayer letter, I wrote to let you know that we had to move out of our storefront church building because someone vandalized the roof and rain was pouring in. We moved into a 3500 sq. ft. building that had 4 large rooms, a large foyer, and a large kitchen area. Wow! It was great! We have been squeezed into a 900 sq. ft. facility for the past 4 years and now we have room to grow. We knew it would only be temporary until the roof was fixed. It lasted for about 2 weeks, then the power company turned off the electricity to that part of the building. It was certainly nice while it lasted. The roof in our old store front building was temporarily repaired so we moved back into it. Home sweet, little home.

There was a 4000 sq ft building in our area that has been for sale for about 4 years now. There has not been a contract on it in all that time. We talked to the realtor about putting in an offer and in the mean time someone else put a contract in on it. Praise the Lord! We didn't get upset, but wondered what God has in mind for us now? That next Saturday, Lou Anne and I drove around the whole area for miles seeing what was available for a church building. There really is not much for sale for miles around our area, and what is for sale is way above our price range. We then drove past a building we had looked at 2 years earlier. At that time, we met with the realtor and the owner of the building. The price was way above what we could afford but our realtor told us to put in a very low offer. She said, "You just never know what may happen." They looked at the offer but it was not even seriously considered. That building is a total of about 8100 sq. ft. The building was used for teaching pottery classes. There are 9 class rooms, a large common area, a very large show room, and a bunch of storage. It sits on over ½ an acre. There is room enough to park at least 35 cars around the building. Here we are, 2 years later, seeing the potential there and knowing the price was way above what we could afford. We just shook our heads, made a couple of comments on how nice it would be, then drove away. Two days later, I received a phone call from the owner of the pottery building. She wanted to meet with me to talk about a few things. Lou Anne and I went that week to talk with her. As we sat at her desk she said that our church has been on her mind for weeks and she had to call me. She continued saying that she really feels that she needs to sell us her building. I told her there is no way we can afford that building. She said that they were previously trying to make a good profit off the building, but for some reason, the profit is not as import as the feeling that she needs to sell it to us. She said she will do whatever she can to sell to us the building, even if it means making little or no profit. I really don't know what will come of all this, but please, be praying about it. We only want this building if it is God's will.

There was a lady that visited our church last Sunday night. She is married to a sailor who is stationed on a ship in Mayport. They have 3 children. They have been stationed here for almost 5 years. She has thought about coming to our church for about 2 years now but just hasn't. Sunday night she sat listening to the message intently. After the service she asked to speak to me. Lou Anne and I met with her after church. It was obvious she was going through a great deal of difficulties and was totally stressed out. She explained what was going on in her life and cried the entire time. When she settled down, she asking me what she should do. We took the Bible and introduced her to Jesus. She listened and said with tears in her eyes that she needed to be saved. She prayed and trusted Jesus Christ as her Saviour. We made a follow up visit Tuesday night at her home on base. We talked with her and her husband. If he is saved, he is very back slidden and has no desire to come to church. Her husband asked her what happened to her. That she has been acting very differently the last few days. She came to church this past Sunday morning and after service she told me her husband was not happy she was going to church and that she needed to spend time with him instead. I told her to invite him to come and spend time with her at church. Sunday evening she came to church with her 3 children AND her husband. Praise the Lord!!! There was a fellowship scheduled for after the evening service. They stayed and fellowshiped with us. They all seemed to really enjoy the services and our church folks. I will baptize her next Sunday. We will also go again to their home and encourage him to trust Christ as his wife did. Please pray for his salvation. Also, they will be transferring to Virginia in about 3 weeks, that's military life!

Please pray for our troops around the world and those here in the Mayport area that their hearts would be tender to receive the gospel. Pray for our family and our church.

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In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family