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John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

The south is referred to as the "Bible belt" and many people here say that they are saved. Does the term "Bible belt" simply refer to the fact that there are more Bibles located in the south than the north? I wonder this because it continues to amaze me how many lost people I meet each day here in the south. By far most people I talk to while knocking on doors, are lost. Sure, they may be religious. They may have good morals. Many even say they are saved, but when inquiring what they are trusting to take them to Heaven, it is apparent they are lost, without Christ. We continue to go soul winning and see much fruit. While out soul winning, I saw a family working in their front yard. I walked up, introduced myself, and asked if they had a few minutes that I could talk with them. They said "Yes" and the son, Dale, went and got me a chair. We sat, and I opened the word of God. Tina, the mom, was a Nazarene and goes to church. The dad, Chad, does not go to church but does believe in Jesus. I showed them in the scripture God's plan for salvation. All three saw their lost condition and asked Jesus to save them.

I have been praying for God to give me wisdom in reaching the military for Christ on the Mayport base. I also pray that God keeps the base police away from me while I am passing out tracts on the base. I will not let man nor a government prevent me from doing the work God has called me to do. Sometimes it seems like I am in a foreign country where the government is hostile against true Christianity and the spreading of the gospel. I still pass out tracts on the base but without the name of the church on them. I also use the base gym as a witnessing tool, and, while working out, I talk with people about Christ and coming to church. I have had 2 or 3 people huddled around a weight machine witnessing to them. While I am on the exercise bike, I will strike up a conversation with the person next to me about Jesus. Why is it that people on the base can talk about their sin and promote sin which is totally acceptable to the base, but for me to talk about my Lord Jesus is illegal and unacceptable? Why can McDonalds sell hamburgers on the base and make thousands and thousands of dollars, but I can't give a tract or a Bible to a sailor on the base for free? Brothers and sisters in Christ we need to pray for our troops and our government, and please pray for our ministry in reaching our troops and their families in the Mayport area for Christ.

We pray that God would bless your families and church families during this Christmas season. We would also like to thank you for your faithful prayers and support throughout this year.

If you have any military folks, in your churches, away for the holidays, send them a card or package and if possible, email them and call them. I know from twenty years of experience that it can get very lonely while on deployment. Those who have military family or friends home for Christmas, make it special for them, enjoy them, and love them.

In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family