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Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Last week, a sailor in our church, Tom, and I planned on going to the Mayport Navy Base to hand out tracts to sailors. We stopped at the laundry mat and talked to some sailors there. Then we went to the small Navy Exchange and talked to sailors going in and out of the Exchange. Tom sat down with a couple sailors and talked with them about the Lord. Not wanting there to be too many people in one place, as to draw attention to us, I went back over to the Navy Exchange and again started passing out tracts. I tried to hand a tract to a man who I thought was a sailor and he refused it. About five minutes later three police squad cars came to the scene. Three police officers got out of their cars and surrounded me. One of the police officers asked me if I was passing out papers to people. I said, "Yes". The officer asked me for a paper that I was passing out. I gave him one and he said, "You can't pass this stuff out on the base." He then told me that I tried to hand one of these papers to his supervisor. I have no doubt that Satan set that up. The police then made a scene by bringing me over to one of the squad cars with lights flashing. One officer left the other two officers to interrogate me. They took my ID card and my driver's license and wrote down my information making an official report. I told the officers that I am just trying to help people. They told me I could be banned from the base because passing out religious pamphlets is prohibited on the Mayport Base. I was thinking to myself, "What has happened to America? Am I in Russia or something? Are they the KGB." I do not believe this to be or consider this persecution because I have read "The Trail of Blood", which I believe every Christian should read. This was more of an inconvenience and no doubt an attack by Satan. I know that God wants me here. In my heart I care with a great compassion to see sailors and their families saved and in church. One of the two officers who were interrogating me went over to the other squad car. I looked into the remaining officer's eyes. I said to him, "Are you a Christian?" He replied, "Yes." I said to him, "Then please say a prayer for me." His eyes got wide, and then he said he would pray for me. Please pray that God will give me wisdom and other means to reach the military here in the Mayport area.

On a better note, the 21st was my birthday, which was the same day as our mid week service. We had great service, then after the service I had an opportunity to lead two people to Christ. I cannot think of a greater birthday present than that. Thank you for all the cards and gifts sent to me for my birthday. It is always much appreciated.

Please pray for those that were saved, that they would continue to come to church. Also, please continue to pray about our building situation. Please pray for the sailors and their families here in the Mayport area that we can reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also thank all the churches and people who sent us Christmas cards and special offerings. These are great blessings & encouragements to us.

In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family