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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.

Just a couple months ago, I was sweeping up glass and putting plywood in place of a very large picture window in the front of our church that someone threw a big piece of cement through. Then, two weeks ago, on Thursday evening before church began, we noticed that a couple ceiling tiles were wet and the carpet was also a little wet. This was very odd since the roof was just replaced in January of this year and we haven't had any problems with leaks since then. We thought maybe it was condensation from the air conditioner. Sunday morning there were a couple of ceiling tiles on the floor of the church so we cleaned it up and had church. This is our rainy season and Sunday afternoon between services it rained very hard. That night before the evening service the church was a mess. There was a bunch of ceiling tiles broken up on the floor. The mixer/amp cabinet was wet and the piano was soaked so much so that the keys were sticking. We cleaned up as much as possible before the service, then finished cleaning after the service. I called the property manager and explained the situation. He said that he would check it out. Even with fans running and the dehumidifier on, as we entered the church on Monday, it smelled terrible like mildew and we could feel the moisture in the air. I called the property manager again and he said he had called the roofing company and that the warranty should cover the roof being repaired. It took until Thursday for the out of town roofing company to arrive and inspect the roof. It was not a defect in the roofing installation or defect of the roofing materials but vandalism. Apparently someone went on the roof and cut big holes in the roofing material with the intent of causing damage by flooding the inside of the building. Our roof is a flat roof where water collects and pools up. When it rains water would pour into our church. There were two other offices in our store front building that were affected by flooding from the vandalism. On Thursday morning the property manager asked me what he could do to help us until our church was repaired. There was another building that they manage across the parking lot that was empty. I asked if it would be possible to use that until our church was repaired. He said yes. That was Thursday morning at about 11 AM and Thursday night we have our midweek service. Most of our church folks were working or had children at home. Lou Anne and I worked for hours moving plies and plies of junk that was left in the new space by the last renter. We cleaned floors and windows and then the bathroom and kitchen. Then we moved to the outside and cleaned the trash around the grounds. We filled four bags with trash. At 4 pm we had more help arrive and did a mass move from one building to the other. We moved almost everything from the old space to the new. We finished up at about 6:40 and had 20 minutes to get ready for service. During our prayer time we prayed for that person that vandalized the roof. That he would see his need of Jesus and trust Him as his Saviour. Then we thanked God for the new, dry, large space (about 5 times bigger than our old space) that He provided for us to hold services in. Needless to say, that night, when I preached in one room and Lou Anne was teaching kids club in another room, we were both totally exhausted. When Lou Anne and I got home that evening, we both nearly collapsed from exhaustion.

While stopped at a red light, a car hit our daughter Nicole's car from behind. She is fine and has only about \$500.00 damage to her car. The other person's insurance will cover the repairs.

We do thank God for the minor tribulations and times of testing He allows us to venture through. We continue to serve the Lord going out soul winning and seeing folks saved. God is so good to us and we thank Him for using us here in the Mayport area.

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. Also please pray for our church and our building situation. We really need to find our own building that we can call home.

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In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family