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Matthew 9:37-38 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Every time I knock on doors or pass out tracts, which is just about every day, I meet people who are lost and bound for Hell. There is not a shortage of lost people in our communities but there is a major shortage of laborers who are willing to go out into the fields to reap the harvest for Jesus. I never seem to bump into any others who are out soul winning, but I sometimes come face to face with Mormons or Jehovah Witnesses. That is to our shame. While door knocking, I also meet many who claim to be Baptist and even go to a Baptist church but are unsaved. What a tragedy. This past weekend, while out soul winning, I met a woman named Danielle. She was about 25 years old. She goes to a Baptist church every Sunday. It is the same Baptist Church she grew up in. When I confronted Danielle about her spiritual state, she said she was saved. I asked her how does a person get saved. She told me that a person gets saved by living right and being a good person. I asked her again where she went to church just to clarify that it was a Baptist church. I asked her if that was what her pastor taught and she said yes. I took my new testament and show her from the scriptures how to be truly saved, but she could not or would not accept that salvation is only through Jesus Christ. She was not interested in talking any further.

This past weekend, I also met three older teenagers, Lorenzo, Louis, and Rodney. I took the opportunity to talk to them about Jesus. All three faithfully attend church. While talking with, they all admitted to me that they thought a person gets to Heaven by being good. I asked them if they would like to see what God said about eternal life. They all seemed very interested. We stood and talked for about twenty minutes. All three paid very close attention as I read the scripture and then explained each verse to them. They all stated that they were not trusting Jesus and because of that they would go to Hell. Then Lorenzo said loudly, "How do we get eternal life?" I showed them in God's word. A few minutes later, we bowed our heads and prayed, and they trusted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Do I get doors slammed in my face? Sure I do. Have I been cussed at? I cannot count the times. I have even been chased by a big man with a broom handle. But when I meet people like Lorenzo, Louis, and Rodney, it is certainly worth it all. Be a laborer for Jesus and you will never regret it. Stay faithful laboring, and you will be blessed beyond all measure.

We continue to wait on God for a bigger place to meet for church. Buildings and land are very expensive here because of the base being so close to the beaches. I truly believe we need to be near the base in order to effectively reach the sailors stationed there. Please pray earnestly with us about this great need.

Please pray that God would soften the hearts of the leadership on the Mayport base. Pray for the salvation of Captain Bowman, the base commander. Pray daily for the military folks and their families here in the Mayport area and around the world.

In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family