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Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

We had a sailor, named Thomas, attend our mid-week service this past week. Thomas came back on Sunday and attended all three services. We asked Thomas to join us for lunch between services. During dinner Thomas said he had visited a bunch of Baptist churches in the area and could not believe how liberal they all were. He was very happy that he found Freedom Independent Baptist Church because we preach the word and are conservative. Thomas plans on attending our church while stationed in Mayport. Before leaving church Sunday night Thomas asked for a bunch of tracts so he could pass them out on the ship. Please pray for Thomas. He will be flying out this week to meet the ship he is stationed on overseas and he will not return until December. In our area of Florida, it is evident that most people want to attend a liberal church and hear preaching that tickles their ears. I thank God for people like Thomas who will not be content attending a liberal church but will search until they find a church which stands on the word of God in their preaching and practices.

In the last few weeks we have had a number of visitors. It is exciting to see new faces in the congregation each week.

Our daughter, Nicole, who is in Peru is now teaching Sunday school, teaching English and is a soccer coach for the Christian school, as well as living in the orphanage taking care of a number of little children who are deaf and one who is blind and deaf. During her stay in Peru Nicole has been sick most of the time. Last week she called and said that she has had an extra duty to contend with. Picking lice from the heads of the little children she is living with. Then, a couple days later, Nicole was picking lice out of her own hair. She said that it is ok because she loves the children and enjoys taking care of them. God is truly using Nicole in the lives of many deaf children in Peru.

Please pray that God would open some doors so that we can spread the gospel on the base. Most people would think that military folks would be open to the gospel and that the leadership on the base would welcome the changed lives that come with salvation. But Satan has had a strong hold here in the Mayport area for many years. We have had sailors turn us in to the base security for passing out tracts on the base. I have resorted to passing out tracts without the name of the church on them so I can still spread the gospel and rely on God to steer them to our church. There has been a number of Independent Baptist Churches that have started here in the Mayport area and then have shut their doors after 3 to 5 years. I plan on fighting for the souls of those military folks and their families that serve here. But I need your help! Please be faithful in praying for the War family, Freedom Independent Baptist Church, and for us to reach our troops and their families here in the Mayport area.

In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family