

September 2010

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

It has been a very productive month for the Lord in the Mayport area. Two weeks ago a sailor came to our church on a Thursday night after the service, with tears in his eyes, pleading with me that he wanted to get right with God. We had talked about salvation and he was sure that he was saved but had drifted far away from the Lord. We talked for at least an hour and then he said that he wanted to rededicate his life to the Lord. He got down on his face before God and cried and begged God to forgive him. He said how sorry he was for being away from the Lord and living for himself and the world. When he stood to his feet, I could see peace in his eyes. He asked me when the next service was I told him that soul winning was on Saturday. He came to church Saturday morning ready to go soul winning and then was in church Sunday for service. This is a sailor that had left God for the world but he has come home. Tragically, many young men and women who join the military and profess to be Christians back slide drastically and drift away from the Lord and into the world. I thank God this one has returned to the Lord, but most do not.

While soul winning a couple weeks ago, on Tuesday night, Lou Anne and I won a young couple to the Lord. They have already started coming to church with their 2 children. Then this past Tuesday night, our son Donny won his first convert to the Lord. Donny was very excited that God had used him to see a young man saved. Today, while out soul winning, I won a woman to the Lord. She and her 2 children are supposed to be at church tomorrow. We also baptized 2 people in the past 2 weeks as well, and we also have had several other people visit our church.

In my last prayer letter, I wrote about a building that we have found for sale. The building is for sale for \$650,000.00, but the owner called me and said she would sell the building to our church for \$425,000.00. This is a very good buy considering it is in the town of Atlantic Beach and less than 3 miles from the Navy and Coast Guard bases. We have been looking at buildings in this area for the past 3 years and nothing has come close to a deal like this. We have been praying, as a church, for the past 2 years for a larger place to hold services. We have out grown our present store front building. The nursery is over flowing and Jr. church is at its capacity. We had 47 in attendance this past Sunday morning. For the past 4 ½ years we have been renting a 900 sq. ft. store front and have paid out more than \$51,000.00 in rent. Because we have about 75% military folks and their families in our church, we have a rotating congregation every 2 to 3 years. There will be an aircraft carrier coming to Mayport to be home ported here. This will raise the military presence in our area significantly. There is no other Independent, Fundamental, KJV preaching, Baptist Church within miles of the base. We would like to start a Christian serviceman's center in our church as soon as possible so we can reach many more sailors for Christ. We must put down a large down payment so that we can handle the mortgage payments. My family has been saving for a church building even before we had our first service here. Our church has also been saving to purchase a church building. We are still short about \$150,000.00 to put down on this building which we need by **December 1, 2010**. Our church really needs your help. Please pray for us and prayerfully consider helping us with this down payment. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated. I know that there is not a lot of time, but I truly believe that all things are possible with God. Please send building offerings to either BIMl Memo: Chris War #1312 Building fund or

Freedom Independent Baptist Church

939 Carlotta Rd E.

Jacksonville, FL 32211 Memo: Building Fund

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. Pray that God will use our family and our church to reach the military.

Any questions: Our new email address is chris.war@comcast.net

In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family