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1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

A few weeks ago Jeremy and Julia, a young military couple, started to attend our church services. Lou Anne and I went to their home for a visit and to talk to them about salvation. They were both very excited about the church. I asked them if they knew for sure they would go to Heaven when they died. They told us they were both saved and baptized. I asked them to tell me more about when they were saved. When Jeremy told us his testimony of salvation, it sounded good but within my heart there was an unsettled feeling. Next Julia told us her testimony of salvation but with her I did not have that unsettled feeling at all. Last Sunday morning Julia told me they wanted to join the church and we talked about them joining that evening. After dinner Sunday afternoon I received a phone call from Jeremy asking if we could meet before the evening service. The first thing I thought was, "Ok what happened now?" I thought they changed their mind about joining the church. I met with Jeremy and Julia an hour before the evening service. Julia told me that since Lou Anne and I went to their house and talked to them about their salvation she had a very unsettling feeling about Jeremy's salvation. Jeremy told me he did pray when he was young but really was not 100% sure that he is saved. I went through the scriptures with Jeremy and he confessed he was not saved. I could see his heart must have been breaking because of the tears in his eyes. Jeremy then prayed and he put his trust and faith in Jesus and received Him as Saviour. With tears of joy Jeremy said now he knows for sure that he is saved. He and his wife kissed and hugged and we had a great time rejoicing in the Lord. Jeremy has a tender heart and I believe God may use him in a great way soon.

Another sailor, Nathan, who was saved at age 11 and grew up in a Christian home lives and is stationed at NAS Jax which is about an hour from our church. Nathan does not have a car so he started to attend a Pentecostal church close to NAS Jax. After sitting under the preaching and listening to the inconsistencies and distorted doctrine of the Pentecostal Church, Nathan said he could not attend that church any longer. Nathan started to pray and ask God to find him a good church to go to. Nathan searched the internet and found our church's website. He read our doctrinal statement and prayed and he said he knows it is God's will that he attends and serve at our church. Nathan called me about 3 weeks ago and told me God wanted him in our church. I then called Brother Stan who attends our church and lives on that side of Jacksonville. Brother Stan picks up Nathan for each service and church function. Nathan told me he desired to join our church although he was saved in 1999 he had never been baptized. Today was a cool rainy day and in a cold swimming pool I had the privilege of baptizing both Jeremy and Nathan and they were added to Freedom Independent Baptist Church.

Jona, is a lady in our church whose pregnancy lasted less than 24 weeks when she delivered Lucas, her baby boy. He was born on March 18 with many complications. Lucas lived less than 24 hours when he went to be with the Lord. His funeral was March 22 with many family members from out of state attending. There were many tears shed before, during, and after the service. I do thank God that He used us to help this family through weeks of pain and difficulty. We do thank you on behalf of Carlos and Jona for your prayers these past few weeks. Please continue to pray for this family as their hearts heal from their loss, and as they trying to adopt a foster baby named Jordan.

I would like to thank you for your prayer and financial support which allows us to serve as missionaries to the military here in the Mayport area. We have seen many saved and baptized in the past year and a half which according to the Bible is fruit to your account. May God bless you for your faithfulness and continue to use you as a faithful witness where you live. Also, Lou Anne would like to thank everyone that sent a card for her birthday; it is nice to be remembered.

In Christ,
Brother Chris War and Family