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Psalms 126:5-6 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

We have been spending a lot of time on the base passing out tracts and witnessing to sailors for the Lord Jesus Christ. I went into the small Navy Exchange by the ships and passed out dozens of tracts. I would take some sailors aside and witness to them. Kodi, stationed on one of the ships, had time to sit down and talk with me this past week. I witnessed to Kodi and that day he received Christ as his Saviour. Another sailor, Duvenson, also said he would like to know how to go to Heaven. I shared Christ with him and he also received Jesus as Saviour. Both of these young sailors are stationed on ships and work a lot of over time each week. Then, of course, they constantly go out to sea. Please pray that I have the opportunity to disciple these young sailors for Christ.

The following week, I met an Army LT who was going to Iraq that week. I asked him if he knew if he were to die that he would go to Heaven. He told me he did not know but he would like to know. I handed him a tract and talked to him for just a few short minutes because he said he really had to go. He was already running late. I felt terrible that he didn't have time to talk to me about Jesus. Please pray for that Army LT that he would read that tract and trust Christ as Saviour. Three of us went to the main Navy Exchange that week and passed out a bunch of tracts. I went in to the Barber Shop. There must have been 15 sailors in there waiting to get their hair cut. I handed all of them a tract. Even the barbers asked for them, even though they didn't know what I was handing out. We must have handed out fifty tracts through-out the Navy Exchange complex.

One Saturday I noticed that the Navy Recruiter's building lights were on. I went inside talked with the recruiters and handed them tracts. They had about twenty men there that were going into Navy Boot Camp within a few days. The head recruiter asked me, "Chief would you say a few words to the new recruits?" I said "Boy would I!" After speaking for about twenty minutes and handing them all gospel tracts, I was done. All the recruiters thanked me and asked if there was any way they could help me. I asked them to please read the tract, explained where our church was, (within walking distance from their office), and that I would love for them to come out to church Sunday. That was a great opportunity that God gave me and I took full advantage of it.

Recently, while out door knocking, I met a man named Charles. He was an Army vet and spent three tours in Vietnam. Charles told me that that was a long time ago and he tries not to think about it. I changed the conversation to spiritual things and discussed with Charles the condition of his soul. After going through the plan of Salvation, Charles told me he wanted to be saved. He asked Jesus to save him that day.

We also won a sailor's wife to the Lord in base housing last week. Her name is Kelly. Please pray that she and her family would come to church.

Because of the life style of the military, this continues to be an extremely difficult area to build a church. I keep winning them and they keep going out to sea and getting transferred. I praise the Lord for being used to spread the gospel around the world via the US Navy. Please continue to pray for Freedom Independent Baptist Church; that God will use us to reach many more souls for Christ. Pray for the building situation our lease will be up at the end of month.

In Christ,
Brother Chris War and Family