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2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

A few weeks ago, after we had finished the Sunday evening service, we were sitting around church fellowshiping for about 30 minutes or so. A young Navy wife, Courtney, walked up to the door. I opened it and she said, "I'm here for the evening service." I explain that we had finished about 30 minutes before. She said her husband Eddie was out to sea and she wanted to start going to church. After talking for a few minutes I asked her if she knew for sure that she would go to Heaven when she died. She said, "No!" I asked her if she would like see what the Bible says about going to heaven and she said she would like that. My wife Lou Anne and Tiffany, a lady that was saved a year ago, took Courtney into another room to witness to her. About 45 minutes went past and they all walked out smiling and laughing. Yes, Courtney was gloriously saved. Courtney has become very faithful.

A couple weeks later her husband Eddie came home and the first service he was home he came to church. As soon as we had the invitation Eddie came to the altar and said "Preacher, I need to get saved!" I sat and talked with Eddie about Jesus. Eddie is 35 years old grew up in a Baptist church but was never truly saved. He listened intently. With eyes wide he told me he knew all the scripture we were going through but it never had this effect before. Eddie bowed his head and asked Jesus to save him. Lou Anne and I went to visit Eddie and Courtney in their home last week. They are very excited about being saved and the church. Eddie told me since he has received Christ he has no desire to drink alcohol anymore. Amen! Courtney is 7 months pregnant and this is their first child. This child will now be born into a Christian home.

The lives that we have seen changed in the past 13 months is none less that miraculous. Who knows where these couples from our church will end up?

The building situation is up in the air right now. I have called the property manager and he said they are still working on the deal. He is talking about relocating us at the end of the building where there is a vacant space. I really believe God can do anything so I am not worried about the move. If I have to hold services in a tent I will. People are getting saved here and lives are being changed. I know the Satan doesn't like it, but he is not in control. God is. Pray that someday soon we can somehow buy a place of our own. Please continue to pray for Freedom Independent Baptist Church that God will use us to reach many souls for Christ. Also, pray that God will send some faithful Christians to the Mayport area who are looking for an Independent Baptist church to attend and to serve in. I could really use the help. Lastly, pray that the people we already have coming will be more faithful.

In Christ,
Brother Chris War and Family