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1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Two weeks ago we were passing out tracts on base by the chow hall. As I was passing out tracts, I noticed that there were sailors heading toward me. I noticed that the color of their uniforms were a different color blue. My first thought was that they might be some kind of ROTC unit. As they got closer it was apparent that they were all adults and no doubt from a different country. I over heard one speaking in Spanish. I said "Hola" to one of the Spanish speaking Warrant Officers. He stopped to talk with me. Now it was time for me to clear out some cobwebs and speak my elementary Spanish. He told me they were from Peru and they were doing a training exercise with some of the American ships at Mayport. After we said goodbye he went into the chow hall to eat with the other Peruvian sailors. I ran to my van where I had about 50 or so Spanish tracts. I handed out all the Spanish tracts I had to the sailors from Peru. One sailor stopped after looking at the tract and he said in Spanish "God bless you". We talked for a few minutes and he thanked me for handing the tracts out to his shipmates. He told me he is a Christian and that they don't have Bibles or tracts on their submarine. He must have said God bless you five or six times. The Warrant Officer who I had met before was now coming out of the chow hall and as I handed him a tract he received it with a smile. I am looking forward to seeing fruit from Peru when I get to Heaven.

A Navy wife named Kelly called our church last week and left a message asking for help. I called her back. While I was on the phone with her she told me that her husband is on deployment and will not be back until October and she needed help moving into Navy housing. As we were talking, she broke down crying and pouring out her heart over the phone. I asked her if it would be alright for my wife, Lou Anne, and I to stop by and see her on Saturday. She said that would be fine. We went to see Kelly on Saturday. Kelly has three children one of which is a special needs child. There was no doubt that she had her hands full between her husband being deployed and trying to move with three children. As we talked, I asked Kelly if she was 100% sure that she would go to Heaven if she died. She thought she would but was not sure. We went through the scriptures and a while later Kelly received Christ as her Saviour. I look forward to meeting Kelly's husband and helping this young couple to learn more about Jesus.

Please continue to pray for our ministry here in the Mayport area. Please pray for the sailors from Peru. Pray for the spiritual growth of our church, most of our folks are young Navy couple who have been recently saved and are now learning how to serve Jesus. Continue to pray for a larger space where we can have more room for Sunday school classes. Also, our nursery is already too small and we have two ladies who are expecting. Please pray that God will continue to use Freedom Independent Baptist Church to reach many sailors and their families for Christ.

In Christ,  
Brother Chris War and Family