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1 Corinthians 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

In the ministry and on the mission field, there is nothing that compares with leading a soul to Jesus Christ. I do thank the Lord that He uses regular Christians like you and me to do His work here on earth. It is an honor and privilege to be used by God to share the gospel with the sailors and their families we have come in contact with. If you are just a regular Christian, God desires to use you to win someone to Christ this week. Push your fear aside and go and God will indeed bless you for your faithfulness.

A man, named John, came to church about three weeks ago. Tuesday night, Brother Stan and his wife, a couple from our church, went to visit John. John told Stan that he had spent three years in the Army which included a year in Vietnam. Brother Stan shared the gospel with John and he received Jesus Christ that night as his Saviour. I went to see John on Saturday morning and the first thing John said to me was preacher I need to be baptized. I explained what baptism is and who should be baptized. John said "OK, what are we waiting for?" John was baptized the following Sunday. We had to drive about 30 minutes each way to use another church's Baptistery. Please pray that God will bless us with a bigger place to meet for church where there is room enough for Sunday school classes and a baptistery.

While out knocking on doors Saturday morning, my partner and I met a young sailor named Robert who was out by his car. After a few minutes of talking, I started to witness to Robert when behind me I could sense another person had come on the scene. I did not turn around or pay attention to the one behind me but kept my focus on Robert and Robert kept his focus on our conversation. The person that was behind me stood there and listened to the conversation but did not say a word. While I was praying with Robert the person that was behind me slipped around us and sat in the car with the door open. I walked over to her and said, "Did you hear the whole conversation?" She said, "Yes." I asked her her name. She told me it was Kelly and that she is Roberts's sister. Kelly explained that she has been reading ther Bible but she can not understand it. I asked Kelly if I could share with her what I showed Robert in my Bible and she said yes. With tears in her eyes she told me she needs Jesus and she prayed and both Kelly and Robert received Christ that morning.

To God be the Glory! Through door to door soul winning and witnessing on the Navy base we saw 6 people saved and one baptized during the month of February.

In our small congregation we have three dependent wives who are pregnant at this time. I would ask that you would pray for all of them of course, but one in particular. Carlos was released from active duty about a week ago. His wife Jona is having a very problematic pregnancy. Jona is on bed rest and has spent much time in the hospital. The doctors do not give the baby much hope and have tried to discourage Jona from continuing her pregnancy. My wife and I have spent many hours in the hospital with Jona and Carlos. We love them and we truly believe the God we serve still performs miracles. I would ask each church that receives this prayer letter to put Jona and her baby on your weekly prayer list. Please ask your folks to pray for her and the health and birth of their baby. I also ask each person that reads this letter to ask your Christian friends to please pray for Jona and the baby. This is a time to have compassion for a brother and sister in Christ where God must perform a miracle for this Christian couple.

We praise God for the opportunity to be used for His glory. Please continue to pray for Freedom Independent Baptist Church; that God will use us to reach many more souls for Christ.

In Christ, Brother Chris War and Family