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2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

In our last prayer letter, I wrote about a sailor, whose name is Jeremy, who had been in church for years and has great Bible knowledge but was saved and baptized last month. Today, he went out to sea and in his sea bag he has his Bible, a bunch of gospel tracts, discipleship booklets and a strong desire to start a Bible study on his ship while on deployment. Please pray that God will use Jeremy to reach his shipmates with the gospel.

One of the major problem areas in our military is the use and abuse of alcohol. Most military folks want to fit in and be accepted by their peer group. Even many who call themselves Christian will do things they would not normally do such as drinking alcohol while away from home or on deployment. There is a book, by Richard A. Young, called "Should a Christian Drink Alcohol". I would like to put a copy of this book on each ship and in each barracks. Each sailor in our church who is deploying will take a copy of this book, along with his Bible, to read and share with those he is stationed with. If you have military folks in your church, or if anyone in your church has a question about should a Christian drink alcohol I would recommend this book.

We would like to thank you for your prayers for Carlos and Jona, the couple that lost their baby last month. They are doing much better. Please continue to pray that they would be able to adopt the foster child, Jordan, who they have been taking care of for the past few months.

This past Sunday was the 2nd anniversary of Freedom Independent Baptist Church. It is hard to believe that two years have already passed since we planted Freedom Independent Baptist Church. We have seen many folks saved and baptized and many lives changed by our Lord Jesus Christ. We have walked hundreds of streets and knocked thousands of doors telling people about Jesus and His saving grace. We have passed out tracts on ships, in the Navy Exchange, in the Navy commissary store, even in front of the chapel on base. Mostly during the cover of night we have put a New Testament in almost every house in the Navy housing areas. We have been busy about the Lord's work. We do not see great attendance in our services. That is the nature of a military ministry, especially, whereas Mayport is a naval station home porting many ships. We do look forward to that great reunion day when we meet Jesus in the air. That is when we will see the true fruits of our labors.

I would like to thank you for your prayers and financial support which allow us to serve as missionaries to the military here in the Mayport area. Please continue to pray for a larger space where we can have more room for Sunday school classes. 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