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MAY 2020

Praise the Lord, we held Friday night Bible Studies the last two weeks of May! We took the measures we told you about last month (temperatures taken, pizza delivered, etc.) and our Troops took it in stride. Many shared around the table just how much they missed the fellowship of believers, you could hear in their voices the gratitude to be reassembled. Though the new addition hadn't been furnished yet (the first of the new sofas arrive this week!) our guys grabbed dinner chairs and watched a movie together after the Bible study. You could see in their eyes how much they just wanted to stay with us. We are blessed to be their home away from home.

99.9% DONE

May's challenges to the Building Project were mostly weather related. We had rain 16 days out of the month, effectively stopping our contractor from pouring our entry pad to the new front door. Despite the rain, we were able to have the new electrical service and inspection completed. As I write this, we expect our contractor to begin pouring the new pad this week and call for our final inspections and certificate of occupancy. It has been a long process, but we thank God for His faithfulness though it all.

PABLO'S RETURN

We were excited to see Pablo return from a 6 month deployment to Norway. He was scheduled to return in March, but COVID protocols kept his unit there extra weeks.

CHAPEL RESTARTS/NEW BIBLE STUDY

Praise the Lord, Chapel services on base resumed this month. I was able to attend and invite a few new Marines on Camp Johnson out for dinner and Bible Study. I am in talks with staff there to restart the lunchtime Bible Study we started just two weeks before the shutdown. Please pray this new ministry can be restarted soon.

COUNSELING

Throughout this time God has still allowed me to support our Troops when they need a listening ear and counsel. One young Marine called me late in the night. He had tried to help someone in trouble but left when he discovered this stranger's motives were not proper. He called me in tears, asking if he did the right thing. I assured him he had to protect his integrity both as a Christian and a Marine. Patty and I have also been called on to help with a marriage in crisis, and to celebrate as another marriage has been restored.

TURMOIL

As our country continues to fight the pandemic, we have begun fighting ourselves. The Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment can be ignored in the face of a medical emergency. Cities are burning as I write this. NEVER before has the need for a saved military been more important. They may well be our last defense in America for our religious liberties. Pray for us as we fight the good fight for souls in our military.

'Till Jesus Returns,

Dave Mason
Rom 1:16

