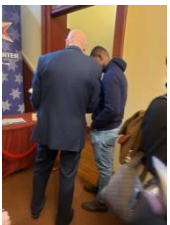




But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8

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As always, when you're in the thick of ministry, time flies. So is the case here in Washington DC. We've been on the ground for six weeks now, and have been so busy we hadn't even realized February was rolling into the history books. We have been so blessed to be serving with brother Wells and Graceway Baptist, they have been a wonderful encouragement and friend as we try to reach out to the Marines here. We spend three evenings a week on the street just outside the Marine Barracks meeting Marines as they come and go on liberty, averaging 86 tracts passed out per week. These are wonderful contacts as many of these Marines stop briefly to talk and introduce themselves, and several of those visits has offered the opportunity to share the Gospel – what a tremendous honor it is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to folks like: Rob US Air Force, Patrick, Aaron, Justus, Eric, Major Graves US Army, Jackson, Berte, Justus Law, Christian, Sam, Peyton, and Devin. As the picture says: "Great Things Happen on the Hill"! Aaron, Berte, Peyton and Devin have been in our services as well; and several have a solid testimony of salvation – pray for Berte (pictured right), he had never heard the gospel, but when he heard it he wanted to "think on it". He asked me to show him again the verses I had quoted. So I started at Romans 3:23 and went through the Romans Road with him. At each verse he took a photo with his phone of the verse we just read – I believe he is ripe for the harvest.



We just finished Capitol Connection this week and had the privilege to be in the offices of four of Oregon's State Representatives and one of its' Senators. I also had the opportunity to meet with a congressman and ask the question: do you know for sure if you have a home in Heaven, and he replied with "we all hope so". This opened the door to share with him: 1 John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life..." and then the Gospel. He listened intently, nodded his head in agreement, but did not respond to an invitation. He now has the responsibility of the Gospel in his hands, pray for good fruit as he thinks on these things. We also stepped into the office of another congressman to thank him for displaying the Christian Flag in the hall outside his Office in the House of Representatives – what a tremendous testimony for all of congress to see on public display. Too many representatives display flags representing wicked things, this was the only Christian flag we saw. Pictured here is a young staffer in office looking over a gospel tract.



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The single most powerful event we participate in here in the capitol takes place Saturday nights. A group of 20 to 30 members of Graceway Baptist Church gather on the steps of the Supreme Court to sing hymns and pray for our Justices and for our Nation. It is a tremendous privilege to be a part of this event, join us in prayer 7 PM EST as we lift our Nation to the Lord. Brother Wells shared this thought: "what is whispered in the halls of the Supreme Court is echoed around the world".

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