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MISIONARIES TO THE US MILITARY

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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What a blessing to sleep in our own beds! We rolled into our driveway on Friday 26 April, just in time for Summerville Baptist's Northwest Bible Conference. The conference was a wonderful reunion and opportunity to thank our supporting churches – who made our trip to Washington DC possible. As Paul said "ye sent once and again unto my necessity" – we give God the glory for you.



We also thank Graceway Baptist and Pastor Brad Wells for the opportunity they extended us to minister alongside reach our servicemen and women at Washington DC. It has been our honor Marines, share the gospel and invite



them while trying to Marine Barracks, to meet young them to church. Three Marines. We had

nights a week we stood outside the Barracks greeting meaningful conversations every night out, at least once a week I was privileged to share the gospel and sometimes more than 5 times in a week, we averaged over 70 gospel tracts passed out a week – and we never found them tossed aside, on the ground or in the trash, and we saw many of these Marines in church on Sunday. We are happy to report that there are several young Marines now faithfully attending Graceway Baptist; however, I cannot take credit for these young men. First it is the Holy Spirit who has touched their hearts and led them to Graceway, and secondly, there are two young men at Graceway who have been instrumental in being a testimony and encouragement to these Marines who are now attending. I want to thank Ephraim and Andrew for their hard work, diligence and interest in the lives of these Marines. Andrew started a bible study directed towards ministering to young men. They meet every Wednesday evening in his home to study the word of God. He has 6-8 Marines every week attend this study (to the Glory of God!).



Ephraim is a Marine himself, a bit ADD, has a superb testimony among the Marines, and has the energy of a terrier. His excitement alone brings them in! Pray this fruit remains.



Again, how can we thank Graceway for having us and you for sending us. Thank you... This picture was taken as we were waiting for the Supreme Court Prayer meeting to begin. One pastor said this: "just what we need – more of the Son over the Capitol", how appropriate.

Semper Fidelis, John and Debbie Martin

"The Lord God, merciful and gracious ... and abundant in goodness" Exodus 34:6

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