



THE FORWARD EDGE OF FREEDOM

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WHAT A MONTH! God has definitely challenged our faith this month. From the first phone call with a bid to buy our home in Virginia until the moment we signed the papers exactly 30 days later, we have had one hurdle after another. But what a mighty, wonderful, great God we serve. The light at the end of the tunnel is no longer a train, and we are fully settled into North Carolina. The couple days we took leave to go sign papers gave us the tremendous blessing of getting to have dinner with Pastor and Mrs. Skinner and Bro. Bradley and Mrs. Dot. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and just were so encouraged and blessed by being with them.

Taking over one of the base chapels has been both a blessing and a burden. It is very difficult to take over a situation where people are of no particular denomination, but we are looking at this as a great soul-winning opportunity. There are 1500 housing units attached to this chapel that no civilian pastor has been able to approach. Being wise as serpents and harmless as doves, God has made it possible that we can go to each of these doors and present the families with an "I'm the new chaplain" packet which will include a Marine Corps New Testament along with some other information. Who can tell what God will do with this endeavor! However, every opportunity comes with hurdles. One of the first changes that had to be made was the music. Unfortunately some interest was lost when not only was the contemporary stuff taken out and hymnals put in its place, but by the fact that we are in a holding pattern waiting for a pianist—it's a huge difference singing hymns acappella when they are used to the praise and worship music. Meanwhile, I am still putting in long hours with the battalion and have had the blessing of seeing souls saved.

As for the family, the children are looking forward to being out of school for the summer soon. We are planning to take the church youth to a Youth Conference in July. And Lord willing we will get some vacation time along with our trip to Ohio in August for the Missionary Candidate School/Chaplain R&R.

And once again, we would like to thank each and every one of you who faithfully pray for our family and the military men and women who serve our country. We also want to say thank you to those who have prayed so fervently for the last 22 months for the sale of our home. We know that it is those prayers that have brought us to where we are today. We truly love and appreciate each and every one of you. May the Lord richly bless you for your faithful and selfless prayers on our behalf.



Two weeks apart, both our boys made sure of their salvation and were baptized. PTL!

Your Friend in the Fight for Truth,
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Ps. 149:6 "LET THE HIGH PRAISES OF GOD BE IN THEIR MOUTH, AND A TWO-EDGED SWORD IN THEIR HAND."



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