



SOLDIERS HOSPITALITY HOUSE

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AUGUST WAS “MEETIN’ TIME”

MEETIN’ WITH MILITARY: Much of our time is spent meeting with, or trying to meet with, soldiers and their families through a phone call, text message, email, Facebook, Messenger, or in person. ■ We met our Chapel family after service for lunch at the Food Court. ■ Ben began a weekly mountain biking ride to meet with guys. ■ Melody hosted a luncheon to connect with 3 ladies in our ministry (one is a first-time Mom with a husband who is deploying). ■ Sharyn met a soldier for lunch after her foot surgery and took her to the mall, and with a wife whose husband is deployed. ■ Mark and Mary meet each week with new soldiers arriving at Reception and invite them to our dinner and study, and we’ve met several new soldiers this month. ■ We’ve also been blessed in meeting a new couple whose desire is to serve and clean up after dinner! ■ Mark is meeting with a soldier about his anger issues. ■ And, we were all excited to meet one of our returning soldiers!

MEETIN’ WITH CHAPLAINS: Ben met with our new Sr. Chaplain to explore possible ways we can meet more of the single soldiers on post, and he was invited to attend the weekly Chaplain’s meeting. ■ Melody and Sharyn attended a birthday party for a Chaplain’s wife where we met 20 other women in attendance. ■ Our Chapel service has 12 Chaplains assigned. Imagine a different pastor speaking each week! But, our Sunday lunch is a good time to connect since many of them join us, including our Garrison Chaplain who is very supportive of our ministry. Pictured: 7 of our Chaplains; Ben attending the Chaplain’s meeting.





MEETIN' WITH SMT: At our Servant Ministry Team meeting, there was a good time of sharing and praying for each other. One soldier is struggling through a painful divorce not of his choosing. We are urging them to take the initiative in serving, but with little progress. In a request for help in 5 areas, we had one response.

MEETIN' WITH GOD: We finished our study of 1-3 John and started a DVD study on Discipleship called *Follow* by Andy Stanley. Mike Martin, a Cadence missionary from Korea shared his testimony. The men are still studying Romans, and the women looked at Ps. 62 (soul rest in God) and Phil. 3 (enemy of the cross).



MEETIN' VETERANS: We took our soldiers to hear and meet retired USAF Col. Thomas "Jerry" Curtis, a 7 1/2-year Vietnam POW (1965-1973). He endured torture, solitary confinement, and little outside communication, but remembered hymns full of theology which helped sustain him ("Blessed Assurance" was his favorite). He said, "My family experience, and my faith in God made me believe it's not if I'm going to go home; it's when." Though retelling the story of his release many times, he still cried when recounting the plane's touchdown. We owe so much to all those, past and present, sacrificing to ensure our protection and freedom.

MEETIN' NEEDS: Another big part of what we do is to celebrate life events in the absence of their family. We attended Fernando's graduation from Air Assault School (air assault and aeromedivac, doing slingloads, and rappelling). Of 133 who began the 10-day course, only 83 finished. We also celebrate birthdays, and Mel makes their favorite dessert. This month it was Angela.



MEETIN' WITH GOD: Please join us in prayer regarding all these, and more, meeting opportunities and needs.



Partnering with you so our soldiers can meet Jesus,
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