

October 15, 2024

Dear Support Team,

I was doing some outdoor cleaning of our home and was reminded of the passage in Eph. 5 where Paul teaches about the relationship of Christ to the church and how we need to be cleansed by “the washing of water by the Word” (Eph. 5:26). Praise God our sins are washed away in the blood of Christ, and we are kept clean through the washing of the Word!

Since our last letter in early August, God has continued to give us multiple opportunities to reach out to others. It is always an honor to open God’s Word with a congregation, and Hope and I were blessed to fellowship and minister with the dear folks at First Baptist Church of Russiaville, IN, and five weeks at the Forest Baptist Church in Forest, IN. It was a joy to see God work in the lives of those who responded to the preaching of His Word.

I have also had opportunities to minister in the squad room and in classrooms. Every Tuesday I move through the Sheriff’s Office interacting with staff and the officers. I often have theological conversations and rejoice in the open doors here. In August I was in Gettysburg as part of the Military Chaplains Association National Institute and then the Civil Air Patrol National Conference in San Antonio where I was honored for 50 years of chaplaincy service. In September I was back in Hawaii to help train chaplains at the Pacific Coast Region Chaplains Staff College held at Hickam AFB in Honolulu. As I travel to these meetings, I am able to speak to people about my ministry and often am able to move the conversation to spiritual Truth. Please pray that God will use these seeds to bear fruit in the future!

I just completed some training within the law enforcement chaplaincy in trauma care and in human trafficking. For most of us, our introduction to trauma comes through personal tragedy or the devastation of natural disasters. But our first responders and chaplains walk into traumatic situations on a regular basis. Both of these topics were well taught, but oh the depths of the wickedness of the heart! Please pray for your first responders and the chaplains who minister to them.

We are so very grateful for some wonderful response to the Rope article about our ministry, and the way the Lord has provided one-time gifts and promised monthly support from a number of you! We thank each of you for your prayer support and your financial support!! THANK YOU to all who have given and who are praying! We cannot do what we do without each of you on our support team! It is our goal to have a financial update in our next letter.

We pray each of you has a fruitful Fall season. May God use all of us as we keep under the “washing of the Word”!

By His grace,

John and Hope  
Ephesians 5:26