

# MTM MESSENGER



I SOUGHT FOR A MAN  
TO STAND  
IN THE GAP...



*"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30*

Several years ago, this advertisement appeared in a London newspaper:

*"Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success."*

The announcement was signed by Sir Ernest Shackleton, a noted arctic explorer. Thousands of men responded to the challenge.

Exploring the cold arctic was a viable challenge in that day. But facing the frigid hearts of men in Ezekiel's day was so awesome that no man responded. In fact he said, *"I found none."*

The moral corruption was so decayed in Ezekiel's day that God could find no one to stem the tide of national destruction; no one to build a wall; no one to stand in the gap, so God poured out His wrath on them and they were consumed. I believe the lesson of this text is inestimable for us today. "A man" - one person committed to serve the Lord - could have affected the national situation and the moral malady of Israel.

In our day of numbers, it is good to be reminded that the most important number is "one." God found in Moses one who was willing to stand in the gap for Israel, and a nation was released out of bondage. God found in Joshua a man of sim-

ilar character and he led a people into the Promised Land. How heartsick must Ezekiel have been as he meditated by the River Chebar, far from the Promised Land



**Keith & Yvonne Davey**

and far from a man of stature to stand in the gap. Jeremiah was standing in his gap, but in the current context, God had no one to fill this position.

I am eternally thankful that God found a Man to stand in the chasm that separated me from His holiness. The infinite task of salvation was solved by the infinite sacrifice of the Lord Jesus on the cross for my sin and the sins of the whole world.

Now that redemption is complete in Christ, God is looking for men and women to carry out the work of evangelization. In every stage of history, the solution for the waywardness of man is a man or woman possessed of God who will dare to stand in the gap and make a hedge of demarcation and declare God's way of salvation. God is not passive in the ministry of reconciliation. He calls, He burdens, He directs, He equips, He gives induement, He provides for those who catch the vision and are willing to follow Him.

**A** quick survey of the Bible reveals that God called people who were actively engaged. When a need was at hand, God sequestered a busy person who was already employed, but alert to His call.

- **David** was busy caring for his father's sheep.
- **Elisha** was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.
- **Nehemiah** was busy serving as a king's cupbearer.
- **James** and **John** were busy mending nets.
- **Matthew** was busy at the receipt of customs.
- **Saul of Tarsus** was busy persecuting believers.
- **Lydia** was busy selling purple dye.

**S**o I must ask myself, am I usable? "Am I listening? Am I available? Am I willing to be used? Am I in the way like Eliezer?" *"... being in the way, the Lord led me..."* Genesis 24:27b

**I**n my fifty years of ministry to the military, I have watched with delight and praise to the Lord as I have seen the process of the making of a man or woman whom God uses to stand in the gap.

**O**ne of the characteristics of a "faithful man" is **diligence**. He is one who diligently adopts the objectives of life as set forth in the Scriptures. *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God..."* Matthew 6:33. In Luke 9:23 Jesus said, *"...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."*

**A** second characteristic is having a **delight** in the Word of God. Jeremiah expresses his thirst for reality in 15:16, *"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart..."* Also, David testified in Psalms 119:97, *"O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day."*

**T**he third characteristic is a **determination** to pay the price of living a godly life among godless pagans. Paul challenged Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:3 to *"...endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."* He also admonished the Philippians in 2:15 to *"...be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"*

**A** fourth distinctive of someone who stands in the gap is one who has a heart of **devotion** to the Lord. *"Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life."* Proverbs 4:23. A life of service in the gap, or building the hedge, is often a lonely, menial assignment. Testings and afflictions color one's life, but we have the privilege of choosing the colors. Thus, one must be *"Looking diligently (unto Jesus) lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled"* Hebrews 12:15. The Lord Jesus modeled a servant's heart in John 13:12 as He took a towel and washed the disciple's feet. *"...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."* John 13:1b. Oh that God would raise up men and women to serve in the fraternal order of the towel.

**A**s you pray for us at Missions To Military, pray that the Lord will give us fresh servant's hearts to stand in the gap - we are surrounded by thousands of military personnel! Pray that we will have passionate hearts for the entangled! Pray that we will have wisdom in evangelism and in discipling! *"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"* 1 Thessalonians 2:19. Yes, we are sharers together in the harvest. *"...but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike."* 1 Sam. 30:24

**T**hank you for your partnership - what a day that will be!

# REMINDERS

by Joe Yeargin  
Goldsboro, NC Director

*"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR..."*  
Ecclesiastes 12:1

**W**hile cleaning and putting away Christmas decorations after Christmas, I came across several little toys, hand smudge marks, and other **REMINDERS** of the joy my children and grandchildren brought our way during the Christmas Season. As sadness filled my heart because of their absence, my mind raced to other areas of life that are **REMINDERS** that affect almost everything we do in life. Grey hair, aching joints and birthday candles **REMIN**D us that our days on this earth are numbered.

**W**e have calendars to remind us of days and years, clocks to **REMIN**D us of hours and minutes and appointment books that **REMIN**D us to keep our schedules in order. We are sent invoices, e-mails, telephone messages, letters, books, and advertisements - all to **REMIN**D us of something or some product.

**Q**uestions posed to us during conversations many times **REMIN**D us that we aren't as wise as we think. Such was the example of Job as God spoke to him and asked a series of questions which led to Job's conclusion about God: *"I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee."* (Job 42:2)

**G**od has **REMINDERS** throughout His Word of Himself and His desire for us, His creation. Looking into the heavens on a clear night, we can't help but be **REMINDED** of God and His Glory (Psalm 19:1). He placed the rainbow in the sky as a **REMIN**DER of His promise not to destroy the world again by flood waters (Genesis 9:8-15). The empty cross is a **REMIN**DER of God's love and the redemption provided for man through

His Son, Jesus Christ. God uses human instruments, circumstances of life and even tragedy as **REMINDERS** which can be God's way to get our attention. But, many times in life we use terms such as "conscience, coincidence, fate, luck, wake-up-call, gut-feeling" as the sources of choices to get through life instead of giving God the recognition He deserves. Some **REMINDERS** we ignore without any ill effects; some we cannot ignore without consequences.



Joe & Linda

**T**hrough the years we have observed many young Airmen who heed and ignore **REMINDERS** in their young lives. A tragic example of a **REMIN**DER being ignored happened several years ago in the life of Kim. She had been saved earlier in life, but had not grown as a Christian. Her involvement in the Center ministry and Discipleship Training Program brought about some very positive fruit. Her husband was saved after much prayer and through her faithfulness to the Lord. Kim received orders to go on temporary duty to England, but before she left she quoted from memory 50 Bible verses to me. As she left that night, I cautioned her to be on guard against the temptations of Satan and falling into his traps. She laughed and assured me that she would be okay. But she wouldn't be okay. Kim began an adulterous relationship with another man. Her marriage would end in divorce and she turned her back on the Lord. She later told me of an incident that happened early in that relation-

ship. One day while standing on a street corner waiting for that other man to pick her up, a van passed her way and written on the side was the name of a Servicemen's Christian Center. Kim said as she saw that van, God brought to her mind the warning I gave her before she left for England. Kim ignored the **REMINDER** and it cost her dearly.

**T**hrough the recent Christmas season there were many **REMINDE**RS to us of young Airmen who **DID** respond to God and proceeded down the road of life with fruitful results.

- Spending time with my son-in-law, *Brian*, was a **REMINDE**R of a young Airman who made some right choices and is now blessed for those choices.
- I received an e-mail from *Darrell*, who came to the Center in Tucson in 1985. I had not heard from him in over 20 years. He wrote: *"I am now in Bible College and preparing for what God has for me and my family in the future. I have been married for 19 years and we have a 14 year old son. I believe strongly that MTM and Joe and Linda Yeargin's obedience to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was a stepping stone for me and my life in pointing and preparing me for ministry. If there is one thing I have learned in life it's that God is always up to something great, whether we are aware of it or not! My sincere gratefulness goes out to folks like Joe and Linda for stepping out in faith and having a heart to reach people for Christ."*
- *Anthony* called from his cell phone the day after Christmas, as he was on the road to his new Air Force assignment in Charleston, SC. Our conversation together was a blessing for me and was a **REMINDE**R of his departure to Korea several years ago. Before he left, he presented me with a poem he titled, *"Joe, Something's Not Right."* The poem tells of his salvation and closes with *"Every day I thank God for saving me that night, And thank*

*you, Joe, for helping to make that something right."* That poem still sits on a book shelf in the Center among other collectables.

**A**nthony's call and Christmas cards from several of our former servicemen are **REMINDE**RS of the many positive decisions made through the years to serve Christ and walk with God. All these are **REMINDE**RS to Linda and me to keep faithful and reach out with the Gospel to as many who will listen.

**L**ook around you today and no doubt you will see many **REMINDE**RS in your life. Maybe it is a knickknack purchased on special vacation or given to you by a special friend; perhaps a picture of a loved one who is now gone or one who is loved very much; you might see something that is a **REMINDE**R of a special time in life or a special accomplishment.

**L**iving close to the base, we hear the loud noise of jets taking off all during the day. It is a standing cliché "The Sound of Freedom" and a **REMINDE**R that the earth does not yet enjoy peace. When things go right and prosperity is enjoyed, be **REMINDE**D that all good and perfect gifts are from God. When matters of life don't seem to go the way we like, be **REMINDE**D that God's grace is sufficient for every situation.

**I**would like to think this short article could be a **REMINDE**R to **pray for your Missions To Military missionaries** who are serving to carry the Gospel to our men and women in uniform. **REMINDE**RS, **REMINDE**RS are everywhere! Also, as you hear a plane overhead, see a boat in the water or a person in uniform - be **REMINDE**D of our military men and women who are serving to preserve the freedoms and welfare of our land.

**ALL GIFTS TO  
MISSIONS TO MILITARY, INC.  
ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE**

# REPORT FROM FRANCE

## *Still Looking for Faithful Men*

*by John Gribbin  
Center Director*

**OUR** work in France seems to be, from a purely human perspective, on "hold." Since 2001, when a former Military was saved, we haven't seen other French Military come to salvation in Christ. Military men, that is. True, we have seen professions of faith since then, the wife of the former military in 2003 and another Military's wife (a Brazilian) in 2004.

**IN** many other mission fields around the world, the number of faithful men is a real concern. God's work is built on "faithful men" as we often read in 2 Timothy 2:2. Of course, we're not neglecting the need for faithful women--and we praise God for the faithful women we have here--but God has a specific work designated for men; however, we won't be discussing that aspect here. It is our purpose here to show you why, in France, finding faithful men is not an easy thing. Like many nations of the world, there is a real struggle with moral and spiritual values. You don't have to look any farther than our own United States to see how that plays out in our lifestyles. Like the U.S., France considers itself a "Christian" nation, but that seems to intensify the inner moral struggle.

**IN** the ministry of Missions To Military, since 2003, we have come to know a French military by the name of *Guy Reynier*. As we got to know him, we found him to have certain qualities that make him to be an "above the average man." Following is an interview I did with Guy on December 6, 2006. We hope it helps you to understand what Frenchmen go through as they hear the claims of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

and to better pray for them.

**J:** Bonjour Guy. Tell us where you were born, and from what town and region do you come?

**Guy:** *I was born in the town of Brive-la-Gaillarde in 1972, in the "département" (state) of Corrèze, in the region known as the "Limousin."*

**J:** When did you join the French Navy and how many more years do you think you'll serve your country?

**Guy:** *I joined the Navy on September 7, 1993 and I will be in the French Navy for two more years.*

**J:** Where and how did you and your wife meet?

**Guy:** *I met my wife, Tracie, in Toulon in September of '97.*

**J:** How did you come to know about Missions To Military in Toulon?

**Guy:** *I learned about it from another Navy friend, Rémy, in 2003.*

*(We still see Rémy from time to time)*

**J:** Has MTM (its activities, the team) been of any help to you and your family?

**Guy:** *It has helped me in English communication in my family because my wife, Tracie, is Australian. Being at the Center every Tuesday (for English class) and meeting the team, we have developed a close friendship.*



**John & Joy  
Toulon, France**

**J:** We see you come to church services occasionally. What are your honest thoughts about church?

**Guy:** *For myself, this has created a big question mark. For the moment, I am confronted with this question, but I'm not ready to look for the answer to the question. That's because I come from a Catholic background, my parents are practicing Catholics, and the people here (at MTM) are Baptist and my mother-in-law is Lutheran.*

**J:** Have you given any thought about your own personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

**Guy:** *My answer is about the same as what I said in the previous question.*

**J:** Guy, we want you to know that our friends back home pray for you and Tracie and the twin girls. Is that an encouragement to you?

**Guy:** *I appreciate that, but that hasn't led me to look for the solution to the above question.*

**J:** What are your plans for the future?

**Guy:** *In the short term, to finish my contract with the French Navy and then move to Australia and starting a new life with new ideas and new friends. In the long term, I look forward to seeing my twin girls grow up in peace and in good health.*



**Sereine and Shaley  
Tracie & Guy**

**WHATEVER** Guy and Tracie's plans for the future, we believe Guy could one day be one of God's "faithful men," even in Australia. We trust this interview helped you to better appreciate Guy and the "question" he sees before him. Here at MTM in Toulon, we've come to love Guy and Tracie and their twin girls. They have been a big help to us in the Center and go out of their way to help others. Continue to keep them in your prayers. The "question" he mentioned above is not an easy one to deal with, even for those who have grown up around the Word of God and in churches like ours.

**THANK YOU** again for praying for Missions To Military in France. Please pray that God would continue to call faithful men into His Service in this country.



*I have been able to live out Hebrews 10:24-25 with the help of the Military Christian Center (MCC), Jacksonville, NC. Since hearing about MCC last summer (2006) through a fellow Marine, LCpl Carlos Garza, I have found it to be a place where one can "stir up love and good works" among brothers and sisters in faith. We study the Bible together, eat together, play indoor and outdoor games together, watch TV together, all the while encouraging one another in faith. For example, when I fell in love with Patricia, a young lady from the Philadelphia area, I received advice from John and Carlos that helped me avoid destroying my ministry to Marines. Had I not gotten my emotions in check, I would not be as effective as I am now in informing fellow Marines about the Kingdom of God.*

**USMC LCpl Erdley L. Wright, Jr.**

# Abiding Fruit



Seems like it was just yesterday that I walked through the door of the **Military Christian Center** in Mayport (Atlantic Beach) Florida, but in reality it was in November, 1987 and I am still walking through that same door every Friday night for Bible study.

When I first visited the Center, I met *Jim and Tommie Eggimann*, who became a major part of my life, and were truly like a second mom and dad to me. When I first arrived at the Center my life was pretty messed up because of alcohol and I was facing some pretty serious legal problems. The Navy was thinking about discharging me via the Virginia Rehab Center, but praise the Lord, He had a different plan for me. Jim and Tommie supported me, encouraged me, and taught me Bible disciplines that I use to this day. They started me in the *MTM Discipleship Program*, which for me was pretty tough, but as the Apostle Paul did, I stayed the course.

I left Mayport in January, 1990 to report aboard the USS NASHVILLE (LPD-13), which was homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. The first place I went was the Military Christian Center, checked in with *John and Betsy Sargent*, and started right off attending the Bible studies. I eventually moved into the Bunk Room. At the time I didn't know it, but Jim Eggimann had called Norfolk and talked to a guy named *Ron Robertson*, and told him to be on the lookout for me. I had no idea who this guy was, but after about two or three weeks in Norfolk, I met *Ron and Flo Robertson*, and they are my best friends to this day. While stationed in Norfolk, I completed the *MTM Discipleship Course*. I was really proud of that, for it was the first serious Bible course or study course of any kind that I had completed.

After five years of sea duty in Norfolk, I was

assigned a new duty station in our Nation's capitol, Washington, D C.

However, for a First Class Boatswain Mate, this was like being a fish out of water. Spiritually it was a very low point in my life and I had an extremely rough time. There wasn't any Missions To Military to fall back on, and I was not as strong as I thought I was. Ron got quite a few calls in the middle of the night, because I really needed to talk to somebody. I didn't know it at the time, but the Lord was teaching me how to spiritually stand on my own two feet with His help.

I retired from the Navy in February 1998, and moved back to Mayport, Florida. I'm still going through the door of the MTM Center for Bible study and fellowship. Ron and Flo are the Center Directors, and Ron and Flo are my spiritual mentors.

I have also completed a Home Bible Course through *Liberty University*. I can truly say if it wasn't for the *MTM Discipleship Course*, I never would have made it through the Liberty Course. I learned how to study through the MTM Course. I presently attend *Kernan Road Baptist Church* and I'm an active member of the Singles Department. I am a Care Group Leader, and sometimes get the privilege to teach my Sunday School Class. I praise the Lord for what MTM has taught me.

I pray the Lord will continue to use Missions To Military for many years to come helping our military men and women and their families. God Bless. An MTM Discipleship memory verse which has meant a lot to me over the years is Colossians 3:23, "*And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;*".

if it wasn't for the *MTM Discipleship Course*, I never would have made it through the Liberty Course.

# Are Missionaries Unbalanced?



## ARE MISSIONARIES UNBALANCED?

Of course they are. I'm one. I ought to know.

A missionary probably began as an ordinary person. He dressed like other people. He liked to play tennis and listen to music. But before leaving for the field he became "different." Admired by some, pitied by others, he was known as one who was leaving prospects and home for - a vision. So he seemed to be a missionary.

Now that he's come home again, he's even more different. To him some things (big things) just don't seem important. Even the World Series, or the Davis Cup matches don't interest him especially. And apparently he doesn't see things as other people see them. The chance of a lifetime - to meet Tom Landry of the Dallas Cowboys personally - seems to leave him cold. It makes you want to ask where he's been.

Well, where has he been?

He's been where the conflict with evil is open and intense, a fight not a fashion; where people are dying for the help he might give most of them, not even knowing he has the help they need most.

Not only space, but time as well seems to have passed him by. When you talk about the no-nukes people, he looks puzzled. When you mention *Luciano Pavarotti*, he asks - "who is he?" You wonder how long he's been away.

All right, how long has he been away? Long enough for 30 million people to go out into eternity without Christ, with no chance to hear the gospel, and some of them went right before his eyes . . . when that flimsy riverboat capsized; when that cholera epidemic struck; when the political/religious riot broke out.

How long has he been gone? Long enough

to have had two sieges of amoebic dysentery, to nurse his wife through several attacks of malaria, to get the news of his mother's death before he knew she was sick.

How long? Long enough to see a few men and women with no social or economic status turn to Christ, to see them drink in Bible teaching, to struggle and suffer with them through persecution from non-Christian relatives, to see them grow into a steady band of believers conducting their own worship, to see this group develop an indigenous church that is reaching out to the community.

Yes, he's been away a long time.

So he's different. But unnecessarily so now, it seems. At least, since he's in this country, he could pay more attention to his clothes, to what's going on around the country, to recreation, and to social life.

Of course he could. But he cannot forget - at least most of the time - that the price of a new suit would buy 3200 Gospels; that while an American spends one day in business, 5000 Indians or Chinese go out into eternity without Christ.

So when a missionary comes to your church or your group, remember that he will probably be different. If he stumbles for a word now and then, he may have been speaking a foreign language almost exclusively for four years, and possibly is fluent in it. If he isn't in the orator class, he may not have had a chance to speak English from a pulpit for awhile. He may be eloquent on the streets of an Indian bazaar.

If he doesn't seem to warm up as quickly as you want, if he seems less approachable than a youth evangelist or college professor, remember he's been under a radically different social system since before you started high-school, and maybe is unfamiliar with casual conversation.

Sure the missionary is unbalanced.

**But by whose scales?** Yours or God's?

- by T. Norton Sterrett

# Feeding on Grace

by John Sargent, Field Representative



**D**uring the eight years we were in Ukraine, something we really missed was seeing the ocean. Once while at the beach, we saw these two little birds by the water's edge and thought about how they were like a picture of most of us as believers in Christ. The reason is that the ocean always reminds us of the grace of God in that:

1. The ocean provides far more of everything needed for life than these two little birds can ever use - as **the grace of God** provides us far more than we will ever be able to use or need. (Romans 5:20 *"But where sin abounded, grace did MUCH MORE abound."*)
2. The ocean washes its beaches constantly - as **the grace of God** constantly cleanses the believer who is walking with the Lord. (I John 1:7b *"and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."*)
3. The ocean has the greatest power in the natural world - as **the grace of God IS** the greatest power in the world, with the power to transform lives and give sinners eternal life. (Titus 2:11-14)
4. Much of the ocean is unknown and unexplored

in its depths - as much of the power of **the grace of God** is unknown to us - unless we walk by faith and see the things which only the Lord can do through the eyes of faith.



**Betsy & John**

- (Hebrews 11:1& 6, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*)
5. The ocean has plenty of room, with much left over, to accommodate every person in the world - as **the grace of God** has that much

power and more to save every person in the world, and provide all the grace they will ever need for living and dying. (2 Peter 3:9, *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*)

6. The ocean is full of many varied and wonderful forms of life - as the **grace of God** brings eternal life to many people of different cultures in different places at different times. (Revelation 5:9, *"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"*)

7. When Betsy and I traveled to Ukraine, we had to first cross the ocean - a reminder that we had to go through, be saturated with, immersed in, **the grace of God BEFORE** we could be used by the Lord. (Ephesians 4:29, *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."*)

8. At any given second, the Lord knows exactly how

many square miles, square yards, and even how many drops are in the ocean - He knows the exact number! But **UNLIKE** that amount, the **grace of God** is limitless, boundless, as it flows from the heart of the eternal, unlimited God to His children through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:21 *"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."*)

**F**riends, our great need in **Missions to Military** is for laborers, those who will come alongside and join us in this great enterprise of reaching people for Jesus Christ.

**T**he Lord said in John 4:35b, *"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."*

- Would YOU pray that the Lord would send laborers to tell others of the grace of God?
- Would YOU consider becoming one who tells others of the grace of God?
- Would YOU invest so that others may hear of the grace of God?



Semi-Annual Conference of MTM Directors - praying and planning for 2007.

February 2007

## MTM Messenger



P.O. Box 6  
Norfolk, VA 23501  
Phone: (757) 479-2288  
1+800+MTM-1232

Email: [hq@mtmi.org](mailto:hq@mtmi.org)  
[www.missionstomilitary.org](http://www.missionstomilitary.org)

Editor: Keith H. Davey, D.D.  
Executive Coordinator: Ross Olson  
(Capt, USN, Ret.)

Field Representative: John Sargent

Cover: Courtesy of DoD and M.B.

**HEADQUARTERS:**  
2221 Centerville Turnpike  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

### MILITARY CHRISTIAN CENTER LOCATIONS:

- 5632 Shell Rd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
John Seaton, Director (757) 464-0886  
\* Norfolk area Military Bases  
E-mail: [vab@mtmi.org](mailto:vab@mtmi.org)
- 2456 Panuco Avenue W.  
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233  
Ron Robertson, Director (904) 249-8761  
\* Naval Station Mayport and  
\* Naval Air Station, Jacksonville  
E-mail: [rjrjax@juno.com](mailto:rjrjax@juno.com)
- 3501 E Ash Street  
Goldsboro, NC 27534  
Joe Yeargin, Director (919) 751-3128  
\* Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base  
E-mail: [MTMGoldsboro@mtmi.org](mailto:MTMGoldsboro@mtmi.org)
- 575 Corbin St.  
Jacksonville, NC 28546  
John Ahern, Director (910) 577-7000  
\* Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune  
E-mail: [JAhern16@hotmail.com](mailto:JAhern16@hotmail.com)
- 1626 Van Buren Ave.,  
Fayetteville, NC 28303  
Earl Hammons, Director (910) 823-2447  
\* Fort Bragg Army Post; \*Pope AFB  
E-mail: [elhmtm@earthlink.net](mailto:elhmtm@earthlink.net)
- 1, Rue Vincent Allegre  
83000, Toulon, FRANCE  
John Gribbin, Director  
Phone: 011-33-4-94-91-18-49  
E-mail: [jgribbin@tele2.fr](mailto:jgribbin@tele2.fr)
- Kiev, UKRAINE  
John Sargent, Director  
E-mail: [JBSargent@gmail.com](mailto:JBSargent@gmail.com)



# MTM Messenger

P.O. BOX 6

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23501

[www.missionstomilitary.org](http://www.missionstomilitary.org)

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
NORFOLK, VA  
PERMIT #1853

## ❖❖ GEMS ❖❖

Compiled by Yvonne Davey . . . email: [Yvonne@mtmi.org](mailto:Yvonne@mtmi.org)

**Don't stay away from church because . . .**

- . . . you are poor. There is no admission charge!
- . . . it rains. Most of us go to work when it rains!
- . . . it's hot. It's sometimes hot in your house too!
- . . . no one invited you. You go many other places without being asked!
- . . . you have little children. Most churches have well-supervised nurseries and other facilities for children!
- . . . you don't like the pastor. He's human just as you are!
- . . . there are hypocrites at church. You associate with hypocrites every day!
- . . . you have guests in your home. They will admire your loyalty if you take them to church with you!
- . . . you need a little weekend vacation occasionally. No one can take a vacation from God!
- . . . because my clothes are not expensive. The church is not a fashion show!
- . . . the church standards are too high. Are they any higher than the biblical standards for a church?

*"Satan did not tempt Adam and Eve to steal, to lie, to kill, to commit adultery; he tempted them to live independently of God."*

-Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Everybody is ignorant,  
only on different subjects!

We should be as careful  
of the books we read  
as of the company we keep!

*So-called rock singers  
have the kind of voices  
that belong to silent films!*

*A Christian is one who doesn't  
have to consult his check book  
to see how wealthy he is!*

What we do  
with what we have  
is more important  
than what we have!  
-C.W.H.

*Horse sense is  
"stable thinking!"*



### **No Competition**

Making an honest living  
should be easy;  
there's so little competition  
these days.