



Report from the Lander Family

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*Amy and Michael
Luke and Andrew*

Dear Friend of our Military,

THANK YOU for your continued prayer for us and for our military here, in Virginia. We'd like to give you an update on our busy fall season.

Help To A Military Family

Julie came to the School of Music at Little Creek in April. She and her two children, *Kate* and *David*, were separated from their husband and father as he was also being trained in the Army, in North Carolina, at the same time. She anticipated that it was going to be a miserable time here. But Julie was able to connect with the Center right away. After a long hard week, she found our time in the Word and fellowship on Friday nights was the refreshment her soul needed. Her children were able to connect with all the other kids there as well. Praise the Lord, Julie is together, again, with her husband, in Georgia, where they are stationed together. But Julie did not expect in April, that she would have a tough time leaving Virginia.

Wedding Bells Are Ringing

Reed, a 21-year old M.A. in the Navy, was engaged to *Courtney* right here, in the Center, on October 29th. We carved pumpkins after the Bible study and Reed implanted the ring in the



bottom side of an uncarved pumpkin. Courtney carved open the top, opened it up and - **SURPRISE!** A proposal ensued and they plan to get married in July 2011. Reed came to know Christ last year at the Coffeehouse and it is exciting to see him growing in the Lord. We all went to the beach on base to see him get baptized in the Chesapeake Bay the day after their engagement. We are sad that Reed was deployed to Rota, Spain, a few days later, for eight months. Pray for his continued growth in the Lord.

Evangelism Training

Russ Rubley and I have been teaching evangelism training for the past two months on Tuesday nights. This involves memorizing Scriptures, memorizing a Gospel presentation, and learning about the doctrine of salvation. The idea is not to regurgitate a canned presentation, but to steer their everyday conversations to the Gospel and expose people to the Person of Jesus Christ. Who can better reach other sailors, soldiers, or Marines than a fellow military?



Rescuing People From Disaster

Eighteen to twenty-five is such a critical age when many of the biggest decisions of life are

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made. It is an age when people desperately need to be equipped with biblical wisdom, discernment, and prudence. We find ourselves in the last few months confronting and counseling young people who are courting disaster, yet they don't see it or are not sure how to turn their course. Confronting people over sin issues is not fun, but I am learning that it is the most loving thing I can do for someone about to walk into disaster. Proverbs 27:5 teaches us the quality of a faithful friend, *"Open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."* The Lord has been so good to allow us to get involved in the lives of these military men and women at a more intimate level. However, I can't help but think of how many more thousands of military need rescuing, just in our area.

Praise

Praise the Lord, He provided a 15-passenger van and a commercial mower for the Center. These were provided by a generous man who has a burden for this ministry.

Wanted - You!

Effective discipleship takes lots of time to dedicate to individuals. As important as our Bible studies are, individual servicemen and women need dedicated one-on-one time to be challenged personally. People need individual help putting shoe leather to their faith. There are also dozens of people to whom I have ministered, but they need follow-up. Between my contracting work, family, and other ministry responsibilities, my time to dedicate to one-on-one discipleship with the men is somewhat limited. This ministry desperately needs more believers who are mature in the Lord, and whose hearts are burdened for such a task. Apart from God's Spirit and Word, people are our greatest resource in ministry. Pray the Lord would burden the hearts of laborers for this task. Perhaps that is **YOU**, if you live in the Hampton Roads area. But if you don't, you can still partner with us in supporting this ministry through prayer and financial support.



Julie Erin Lisy
Enjoy the fellowship afforded
at the Center
for the military women!

Please continue to pray for us in these specific ways:

- For our servicemen, who are deployed, to stay close to the Lord. Also for their protection as they are in harms way, *Jacob, Steven, Reed, and Jeremy.*
- Pray the Lord would steer us and open doors as we begin to contact churches for our deputation process.
- Pray the Lord would grant our servicemen and women courage to share Christ with their fellow co-workers.
- Pray the Lord would burden the hearts of mature believers to commit to weekly discipleship with our military men and women.
- Pray for the funds needed for landscaping the grounds, for renovating the bunk room and game room, and for Center operational expenses.

Thank you for praying!
In Light of Eternity,

Michael & Amy