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# MCCORMACK PRAYER DEPLOYMENTS!

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Jeremiah 29:11

**“ FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE. “**

## Prayer Warriors Battlefront

~ Pray for chaplains as they face an increasingly difficult task with fewer numbers and resources.

~ Pray for one of our Marines who is currently in rehab for struggles with pain medication. Pray for physical healing and for his marriage.

~ Pray for the planning for the next season of *Alpha on Base*. Pray that we would be able to reach those who are seeking answers to questions like “*is this all there is to life?*”

~ Pray for 2nd Lt. Greg Patton as he transitions to New River, N.C.. Between TBS and IOC Greg has been at Quantico for almost 1 calendar year! He will be missed.

~ Please let us know of your current or upcoming prayer needs!

*very full 2016*

The last several months have been a total whirlwind! With travel to Pennsylvania & Dayton, Ohio and all the excitement of the Holidays, it is nice to just sit back and take a second to reflect on the last year and give thanks for all that God has done!

We have seen our Wednesday night study continue and relationships with these men and women strengthen as they head out to the fleet. Our prayers are that God would use these times of fellowship and study to grow these officer into Christ-like servant leaders. We have also had several of our graduates go through the IOC (Infantry Officer Course) at Quantico and many of whom are in the fleet ready for deployment.



The *Common Grounds* Coffeehouse had its one year anniversary in November. It is hard to believe that we have been doing it for a whole year! It has continued to be one of our most powerful outreaches into the enlisted community. We have built some amazing relationships through this time on Friday nights. Several Marines have come to an abiding faith in Christ through this and others have had seeds planted through conversations over food and Cheerwine. 😊

Out of the Coffeehouse, we started a Saturday morning Bible study this summer. It has become well established and is growing! Out of that study, a Marine led weeknight (Thursday) Bible study has grown. WOW!!

We have been part of four *Weekend to Remember* events from Baltimore to Reston and of course Dayton, Ohio (2) in the last year! We have seen community develop out of these events in Dayton. There are 3 different small group studies at 3 different churches, a growing volunteer team and stronger relationships with the local chaplains (Wright-Patterson AFB).

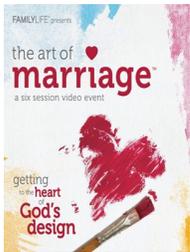


We have continued to be heavily involved in the Quantico MCB chaplain community. There have been *Grill and Chill* events at the barracks during field days, 2 seasons of *The Alpha Course*, the Christmas Eve “Cookie drop-off” and the FOSL (Fellowship of Senior Leaders) Bible study. We believe we have truly become part of the DNA on base over the last year!

## What to Expect in 2017?

Now that is a loaded question/statement! Obviously, we want to strengthen and grow the current existing outreaches both at TBS and main-side. We will continue to partner with our ministry cousins in Family Life at the *Weekend to Remember* events, both locally and in Dayton. We will also increase our support of the weekly Bible study at the Pentagon as well (forgot about that when reflecting on 2016).

As you may have gathered we are pretty thinly stretched currently, so how can we add more to our plate? One word-- **Volunteers!** This is the power behind what is happening in Dayton with Wright Patterson AFB. We are hoping to take what they are doing out there and to duplicate that here in the National Capitol Region. We have had some small success in this, both in the Coffeehouse and at TBS, but we need to create a sustainable and growing team of volunteers for not only these events but for additional local studies and other outreaches.



For example, we hope for an increased and expanded emphasis on the military marriage in 2017. Our desire is to have a team of volunteers to support not only the local *Weekend to Remember* events but, as with Dayton, several small group studies at various locations throughout the National Capitol Region. One of the things we are hoping to do in 2017 is one or more *Art of Marriage* events on a Friday night and Saturday. This will **only** be possible with volunteers! We also have 3 weddings currently to officiate in 2017 for “our” Marines which adds quite a bit of pre-marital counseling for Mary and I!

We have already started laying the groundwork for a monthly outreach at TBS called *Dinner and a Movie*. Once a month on a Saturday evening, we would have a potluck type dinner and then a movie (probably something faith based like *Courageous*, *Facing the Giants* etc..). We are hoping to partner with Tun Tavern Fellowship and Navigators to make this happen. The hope is to reach Marines who do not know Christ with His love through fellowship and discussion!



We are already doing something like this as part of the *Common Grounds* Coffeehouse once a month. While we firmly believe that the Coffeehouse is a success, we have to be honest. We are barely scratching the surface! First, we seldom have live music. Thanks to two generous donations, we can now do Karaoke and/or open mic nights. But, we would love to have live music at least once a month if not more often. If you or your church has a group that loves to jam, please send them our way! Also, Quantico is a big place and we are only doing outreach in one section of barracks. Without a solid volunteer team, both for food prep and for working the coffeehouse, we will not be able to access some of the other areas. That is a lot of Marines who we aren't able to know ... **YET!**



So as we close out 2016, as well as this newsletter, please prayerfully lift up the need for a volunteer team that God already has selected for our ministry. Pray for those like Andrew Lax, a volunteer mainstay at the Coffeehouse, that have a passion for ministering to Marines. Pray that they will answer Gods call! Help us get the word out! Let's create a movement

amongst our Military in 2017!!

### Our Vision

***To be the Bridge for our military and their families who need healing and freedom in Christ!***



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