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Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Early on Sunday morning, at 5 AM, I received a call from a pastor of a Baptist church in Missouri. The pastor told me of a military man, named Mike, who attended his church while he lived in Missouri but who is now stationed in Italy. The pastor asked Mike if there was a Baptist church in Italy that he knew of, and Mike gave the pastor our church number. Mike had called that pastor in Missouri only moments before the pastor called me. Mike was in a very deeply depressed state and was questioning if he wanted to continue to live. The pastor asked me if I would go see Mike right away. I am thinking to myself, Italy is a big place with several US military bases spread throughout the country. I asked for Mike's address. As the pastor read the street name I recognized the street and name of the town, and I couldn't believe my ears! Mike lives in the same town as we do. The pastor gave me Mike's phone number and I quickly called Mike and he answered. He was crying and very, very upset. I asked him if it would be alright if I came over to see him right then and he said yes.

I got dressed, flew out the door, and drove to go to Mike's with my Bible in hand and only a light jacket on, not thinking it was only 34 degrees outside. As I arrived at Mike's house, I parked the car and got out to a walled in house with no way to the house or the door. I rang the bell with no answer, and rang it again and again, still no answer. I could hear the bell ringing inside the house so I knew it was ringing but still, no answer. I tried calling Mike several times with no answer. At that point, I am then thinking the worst of what may have happened. I ran around the house to the back of the wall to see if I could get over the wall, but it was about a 10 foot drop and I didn't want to break my ankle, so I didn't jump. I stopped and prayed to the Lord saying, "Lord I can't give up. This man needs you."

I went back to the front gate and rang again and again but still no answer. Finally, Mike sent me a text that this wasn't a good time. I pleaded with him to let me in just for a few minutes because (which was very true) I was freezing out there. After texting back and forth several times, Mike came out and let me in the yard. We sat in his open garage, which was as cold as outside.

Mike proceeded to tell me the story of his life, but started first by saying that he was praying to God that I would not give up ringing the bell and leave but that I would keep trying to get in. We sat there for over an hour in the cold, but I didn't feel the cold any longer. After he finished with his life's story I was amazed because Mike's life story sounded a lot like my own life's story before I was born again. Mike told me he was very afraid of dying and going to Hell. That morning, in that cold garage, Mike trusted Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and he told me this, "Pastor, that heavy burden has been lifted from my shoulders." He cried with joy and so did I. I had asked Mike where he had gotten our phone number to give to the pastor in Missouri. Mike told me he found a tract in his mail box weeks before with our phone number on it. It was one of the most amazing soul winning experiences I have ever had and I give the praise and glory to my Lord for it. I would also like to thank Micah and Moriah Rice for passing tracts out throughout our town. Please pray for Mike's spiritual growth and the salvation of his wife and three children.

I would like to thank you all for praying for our daughter Nicole, who was expecting her first child, and her husband Joshua. Baby Liberty was born on December 6. Mom and baby are doing great. They are stationed in Sicily so, I praise the Lord Lou Anne was there to help Nicole and be there for the birth of Liberty.

Please pray for our family and for our church here in Italy. Please pray for souls to be saved and Christians to grow in Christ. Please pray for our troops and their families here in Aviano and around the world. This time of the year can be a very lonely time for many in the Military.

We pray that each one of you will have a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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