

The Port of Hope

• Preparing God's people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up.
Ephesians 4:12

Helping to Build Spiritual Movements Everywhere so Everyone Knows Someone who Truly Follows Jesus Christ

What's in a Name

People Matter

In our culture names don't tend to have the meaning or prominence that other cultures have. In God's Word we see the significance of names and the fact that they largely determine one's place in their family. If you struggle with this look up the name Ichabod (1 Sam 4:21) and you quickly see that this may not necessarily be a good thing.

Then we have the instruction to "pray in Jesus' name" and begin to understand the power and reality of this truth found in Acts 4. I love where Peter says in verse 10 "let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom

God raised from the dead -by this name this man stands here before you in good health."

Believe it or not, there's something about names that we need to recognize. It's the most personal thing about you and me. Want proof? Next time someone forgets your name check to see how it makes you feel.

To us the names Emily, Victor, Danny, Amanda, Anthony and others have meaning as well. These are the people in our lives who're seeing significant life change.

They're people who've overcome trauma, difficult deployments, PTSD, suicides, divorce and other challenges we find in this world. They're not only experiencing this in



Navy Boys

their lives but helping others to experience it as well.

So here's what we've discovered: **Ministry is Messy**. If it's not messy, it's probably not ministry. It reminds me of a truth that one of our pastors used to say: you're either in a problem, coming out of a problem or going into a problem.

This is true whether you're a follower of Christ or not. The difference is the Power of His Name.

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for Victor who's attempted suicide 3 times. He's committed to never attempting again but has serious physical problems
- Pray for Emily, a Navy wife, who's seeking to overcome the challenges of deployment while serving others
- Pray for Anthony and Amanda who've seen significant change in their lives but have a long deployment ahead of them
- Pray for Danny who's struggling with PTSD but having a hard time trusting in God to help him battle the demons within

REGIONAL BRIDGES TO HEALING (BTH) COMING TO FT. LEWIS FEBRUARY 25/26

With the cooperation of many churches in the Ft Lewis area we're going to be conducting our first "regional BTH". In addition we're blessed to have the authors of the *Combat Trauma Healing Manual* and *When War Comes Home Manual* there to present the material.

Chris and Rahnella Adsit have spent many years researching the key aspects to



Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and have effectively developed Christ-centered strategies to address this dilemma. Their

biblically focused approach has been instrumental in mobilizing churches to reach out to military members and their families.

Please pray that we're able to get the word out and equip people in addressing this painful subject. If you'd like to help us fund this project (\$5,000 is still needed) mail your contributions to: Military Ministry 2625 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201.