

NAVIGATORS FIRST  
RESPONDER MINISTRY

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QUESTS:

- Pray for our first responders and their families – may the gospel come alive in their families, and spread to many new first responder families.
- Pray for God to provide committed disciple makers for the ministry to grow and spread the love of God.

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# Shuping's Newsletter

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## Ministry Activities

**AIM** is the acronym the Navigators are using to ignite a movement of disciple makers with the goal to add one million disciple makers to the ministry in the next ten years. "A" stands for abide in Christ, "I" stands for ignite a movement and "M" stands for multiply disciple makers. The First Responder team has launched a program called Retiree Hired Insiders Navigator Oriented (RHINO's for short). The concept is that retired police officers understand the culture of the police department and are uniquely positioned to come alongside officers and disciple them. There are currently four retirees completing the process to come-on as Navigator staff. David is now responsible for onboarding and Laura as the financial coordinator is responsible for helping with their budgets and assisting with financial training.

## Women's Ministry

Laura is part of the Women's Ministry team which focuses on discipling female first responders as well as supporting the spouses of first responders. This year the Women's Ministry team is hosting a monthly online speaker series called "Living a Resilient Life". The purpose of the speaker series is to encourage and equip women through biblical teaching and to grow a deeper relationship with Christ. Many of the speakers have a law enforcement spouse or family members, have published books and speak at conferences and retreats.

The Women's Ministry team is also hosting monthly prayer calls to pray for the participants as well as the challenges that police officers and their families face.

## Fellowship of Warriors

Fellowship of Warriors (FOW) is a new initiative for our ministry where first responders and their children ages 12+ are invited for a fellowship dinner, scripture lesson, and presentation of a topic of interest by an expert. Topics of interest have included fly fishing, woodworking, snowmobiling, and how to hunt a cougar (in our pacific northwest region). We hope these FOW events encourage fellowship among Christian first responders and their families, and a foundation for discipleship.

## Ministry Activities--Continued

### Dedicated NYPD Prayer Line

The dedicated prayer line for the New York City Police Department has been up and running for three months now. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, this is a new partnership between the NYPD Health and Wellness Section, the Navigators First Responder Ministry and Police Officers for Christ, an NYPD fraternal organization. The prayer line is available 24/7 for all NYPD officers and support staff. We have been blessed by volunteers willing to serve faithfully to cover all of the required shifts. We have volunteers from the First Responder Team as well as retired and active duty police officers. Although the line has not received a high volume of calls and NYPD continues their advertising, four police officers prayed to receive Christ as a result of the prayer line. We continue to see how God miraculously opened this opportunity for pray and is using this new opportunity for connections to the NYPD.

### One on One Discipleship Meetings

We continue to have ongoing confidential one-on-one discipleship meetings weekly and bi-weekly with first responders which is the core of the ministry. David is also discipling and training a new member of the First Responder Team. In addition to the bible, the ministry has resources specifically developed for the ministry that are available on Amazon.

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### Personal Update

Although 2021 and the Covid 19 pandemic has been challenging, we continue to see God's blessings in our life and ministry. Like many of you, David and I are on the waiting list to receive our Covid 19 vaccines. We were blessed that Laura's 94 year old mother has received her vaccine and remains healthy. Claire our 8 month old granddaughter is flourishing and has two new teeth. Jason and Chris continue to work from home and Iva continues her online classes and will graduate in May. Otina Waa Children's Village, the orphanage we support in Uganda is making plans to open soon.

Thank you for your support both in prayer and financially. You have a vital part in this ministry. Please feel free to contact us to pray for you at any time. We wish you and your family a Blessed Easter!