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## THE PLASTERS

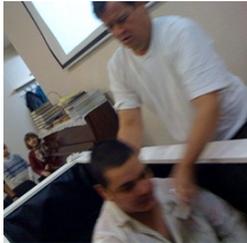


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## BAPTISMAL SERVICES

September 25th we baptized four. The water in the lakes was already cold so I decided to build a baptistry. I asked the people to pray that we would have baptismal services and not a flood. They didn't pray hard enough.

I made the baptistry so it could be taken apart and stored when not in use. It was made out of plywood that I sealed with tar and covered with a thick polyurethane plastic. I wanted full immersion with a minimum amount of water. This meant baptizing the candidates in a seated position with their feet in the lower portion of the tank.

I made a mistake when I put the drain in the tank so I plugged the one inch hole and put the drain in another place. I didn't begin filling the tank until worship services started because I was afraid the tank might not have sealed properly and leak a little. I do not think there were any little leaks."

As I was preaching I examined the water level. When the tank was almost full, water began running freely from the tank onto the floor causing quite a stir. I stopped preaching and we immediately had our baptismal service while there was still water in the tank.

We baptized the first three with plenty of water. For the last candidate the water level was low so I had to push his stomach under the water for complete immersion.

Afterwards I told the people if they left I would clean things up. Instead they got buckets and emptied the remaining water from the tank, mops and towels along with a wet vac to take care of the water on the floor.

Then we listened to the testimonies of those who were baptized. After that I finished my sermon and we had fellowship as if this was an absolutely normal service.

I didn't find the reason for the leak until I disassembled the tank. The plug came out of the first hole that I drilled for the drain. I don't think anyone there will forget our first indoor baptism.

(PS: I do not usually preach or baptize in a tee shirt, but things went south pretty fast.)

