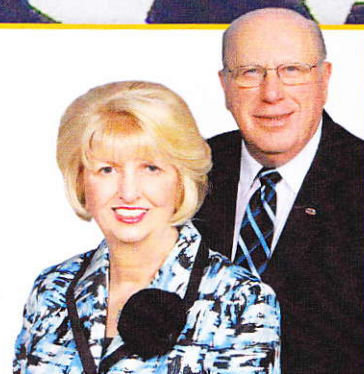


DIRECTOR OF MILITARY MINISTRIES
THE **ALVERSONS**
MINISTERING TO OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL
AND THEIR FAMILIES



Summer 2017

Dear Praying Friends:

It was a normal biannual appointment with my regular cardiologist. He customarily orders some kind of test (stress test, EKG, etc.) with each visit that I had always passed with flying colors. So, the echocardiogram that uses sound waves to create pictures of the heart's chambers, valves, walls and blood vessels attached to the heart, was nothing I was concerned at all about. However, when I got to the doctor's office and heard the grim news, we could hardly believe it. He informed us that my aorta valve was closing quickly and if nothing was done, I only had a few months to live. Of course, I quickly asked a couple of questions - first, what needs to be done, and second, how soon can it get done?!!

July 14 was the day the heart-catherization was done, which revealed the aorta valve was 75 to 80% closed and the left artery (long one) in heart was 80% blocked. Then on Monday, July 17, they did open-heart surgery and replaced the valve and by-passed the blocked artery. Things have gone well and all the home health nurses tell us that I am well ahead of the game. We attribute that to the prayers of God's people literally all over the world. My sweet wife has taken such good care of me since we have been home from the hospital. The doctors have me on hold right now for a few more weeks, but Lord willing, we will be back soon. Covet your prayers.

I have been out of the loop now for a little over three weeks. Much has happened in Military Missions during this time. I had to miss the Sword Conference and will miss the annual directors meeting this week in Newport, Tennessee, for the first time in 20 years. Thus far, we have had to cancel six meetings, but I know I must let the body heal and it will take some time.

Some good news is that we have five military missionary families presently on deputation, who plan to be on the mission field by January 2018. These fields include Spain, England, Japan (2) and Germany. This is a huge accomplishment for a missionary to finish deputation and get to the field of his calling. Please pray for these.

The Trump administration has promised to rebuild the military and, of course, this will give us a larger mission field. As we have mentioned many times, it is both our *goal* and *desire* to have a good Bible-believing church near every military base. We are still asking the Lord to give us some more young men with a burden to minister to our military personnel and their families. Please continue to pray with us regarding this matter.

One of the five families mentioned above is the Stu Jellison family. They have finished their deputation and will be having their departure interview on August 24 and will be leaving for Okinawa, Japan, next month in September. The Jellisons will start a church on the northern part of the island where they will be ministering to Marines stationed there. Please pray especially for them as they make this move.

Once again, I want to thank you for your prayers and concern. Many have sent cards and assurances of prayer. Some have sent love gifts, for which we are thankful. To those of you who support us financially, thank you for standing with us. We know full well that without our co-laborers we could not continue this great work of ministering to our military. We love you all and remain...

Jeff & Joyce Alverson

In Christ's Service,
The Alversons

