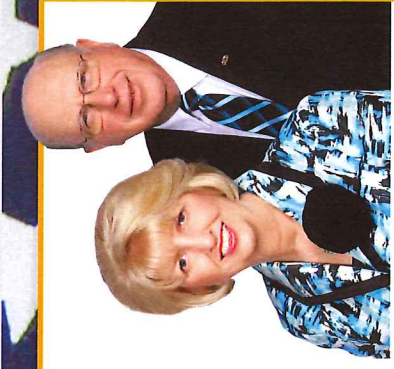


DIRECTOR OF MILITARY MINISTRIES

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MINISTERING TO OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES



Spring 2018

Dear Prayer Partner:

Well, it is spring and things are coming back to life. Grass is green and growing, sap is rising, and leaves are showing life on the trees. Gardens have been planted and have begun coming forth with life. All of this reminds us of our Savior's Resurrection from the dead in John 11:25. It is, indeed, a wonderful time to serve our Lord.

Last month on April 4, I had major back surgery, which has put me down for a few weeks. Although I have not been able to do any meetings, I have kept up with our missionaries and helped them with their needs. They have been very conscious of my illness and most understanding. Many of you have prayed earnestly for my health issues and I am very grateful. My back is doing well and I was so amazed the first time I stood up after surgery. For the first time since last August, I had no pain in the back of my legs with a repaired pinched nerve, a cleaned up degenerated disk, and a fused vertebrae. Thank God for modern medical technology and good doctors who have spent long hours studying, sacrificing, and preparing for many years to be able to operate successfully on the human body. The older I become, the more I praise the Lord for giving them such wisdom. Thank you so much for praying for me during this time.

Summer will be here soon, and as always, we are looking forward to a busy time at BIMI. It begins with Candidate School the first week of June. Forty-three candidates, six of whom are military missions candidates, are scheduled to attend the strenuous week of study and preparation for deputation and the mission field. Please pray for these young men and women because it is a difficult week.

Then, there is CAMP BIMI for two weeks, followed by Enrichment Week for furloughing missionaries in July. We always look forward to our BIMI directors' meeting retreat in Carson Springs, Tennessee, during the second week of August. My schedule of mission conferences begin the last week of August in South Carolina, closing Sunday morning, driving back to Chattanooga on Sunday afternoon and flying out to Japan early on Monday morning, August 27.

Please be praying for two major events coming up soon. One is the 50th anniversary of Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa, Japan, on September 2. God has mightily used our first BIMI military church through these years as thousands of souls have been saved and many lives have been changed forever. When we celebrated the 40th anniversary in 2008, they had documented more than 400 preachers who had come out of this church. Also, in conjunction with the celebration, we will be having our Pacific Field Conference and we are looking forward to all of our military missionaries attending.

Now for a personal note of which I am somewhat uncomfortable mentioning. However, some have encouraged me to let my prayer partners know the need. I have not preached a meeting since the second week of January. Therefore, a good bit of my support through love offerings has diminished. We are fully aware and absolutely certain that God will take care of us in His way, but we just wanted to let you know the need. If God should touch your heart to help, it would be greatly appreciated. If not, that is perfectly fine. Whatever the case may be, we know you will continue to pray for us. Pray especially that God will continue to fully restore my health so that we can be at our best to serve Him.

Thank you again for your faithful support and fervent prayers as we seek to reach our military personnel for Christ and teach them to serve Him. We love you and remain...

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff & Joyce Alverson".

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