

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



Fall 2018

Dear Prayer Partners:

Well, fall has arrived and none too soon for me. Anybody who knows me knows that I do not fare well in hot weather, so I welcome the coming of the fall season.

This has, indeed, been a busy fall for Joyce and me. We are presently in Pacolet, South Carolina, this week preaching the 9<sup>th</sup> missions conference in the past nine weeks. We have had some wonderful meetings, seen many thousands of dollars raised for missions and met some great missionaries, some on deputation and others on furlough from their fields.

Since our last correspondence we have been in Japan for our biennial Military Missions field conference held in Okinawa. It was a blessing to have 100% of our Pacific missionaries in attendance with the exception of one missionary wife who was in the States on a personal matter. The missionaries were encouraged and rejuvenated and were a blessing one to another.

We were also privileged to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Okinawa. What a blessed joy to be a part of the celebration of 50 years of ministry to the US military on the island. From the church's beginning they have not changed any doctrines or standards and have faithfully stood for the things of God these 50 years. Through this ministry literally thousands have come to Christ, and they announced at the meeting that over 500 preachers have come out of this church in these 50 years of ministry. Pastor Ed Navato, the church and Pacific Coordinator Sammy Popwell did a great job in both preparation and procedure to make it a great success. Dr. Don Sisk from BIMI did a wonderful job as the speaker for the events. He had preached the organizational service there 50 years before. Please pray for the continued ministry of this great church.

Many of you have been praying that the Lord of the Harvest would send us some new and younger missionaries. In December at the semi-annual board meeting four missionary candidates will meet the board to be approved for military ministry service. Then, in June at the annual board meeting, eight more are scheduled to join the team. Thank you for your faithful prayers in this matter.

We are also rejoicing that Don and Patsy Drake have received the paperwork from the Spanish government and should have their visas any day to move to Spain and begin the new work in Moron, which will be the first English-speaking military work in the area near the military installation. Please pray for them as they have shipped their container and plan to make the move the first of December.

Joyce and I hope you are blessed more than ever during this Thanksgiving season. Hopefully we will have the children and grandchildren home for these special days.

Once again we thank you for your faithful prayers and support of this ministry to our US service personnel and their families. If we can ever be of help to you please let us know. Please pray the Lord will keep us well and healthy so we can continue to serve Him until He takes us Home. We love you all and remain....

In Christ's Service,

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