

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



Spring 2019

Dear Praying Friend:

As we write this correspondence, we are in Mehlingen, Germany, with our military missionaries attending our biennial field conference. Today is the last day with the final service tonight. Our missionaries (all of them) have preached, and my, what a wonderful job they have done! I will bring the last message of the conference in the service tonight. Then we travel to Wiesbaden to preach both services on Sunday with Pastor Brett Skillen and the Wiesbaden Baptist Church. Lord willing, we will return home on Monday, May 6.

Military missionaries often have to be flexible. Things sometimes happen beyond the reach of the missionary that causes him (or them) to have to make a move. Such is the case of Jason Harvell and his family who have been serving in Rota, Spain. The Spanish authorities notified them that they would not be renewing their visas, and without a visa they cannot stay in Spain. Leah and the boys left shortly thereafter and Jason is leaving today. Ronnie Parrott, our fill-in man, and his wife, Barbara, are there "holding down the fort" until a new pastor can come. Please pray for Bethel Baptist Church.

Things are buzzing around the World Mission Center now as the BIMI staff and directors are gearing up for candidate school coming up the first week of June. Fifty-two young men and ladies will be attending to begin their missionary journey. They will surely need our prayers as they sit in classes hour after hour Monday through Friday, ending with the pinning ceremony for the "graduates" on Friday night. We have three families coming for the military ministries.

Some often ask how Joyce is doing. I'm glad to report she is doing well. She sure is a help and blessing in the ministry. God sure was good to give me another good help meet to labor with me in this great ministry of ministering to our military personnel and their families. Please continue to pray for her as you pray for me. We will celebrate our 12th anniversary May 18.

It looks as though that I will have to "bite the bullet" and have another knee replacement surgery. I have put it off for two years now but my knee has become so deteriorated that it hurts about all the time and it has become difficult to even walk. We are looking to have the surgery sometime in June shortly after candidate school. I dread it because I had the right one replaced eight years ago and I know what it is like. The therapy and recovery was worse than open-heart surgery. But with God's help, your prayers and a good "nurse" (Joyce), we will get through it. I do covet your fervent prayers regarding the matter.

Please continue to pray for Military Missions. We have learned of even more opportunities since we have been in Europe this week. But, we need more missionaries, young men with a burden and calling to reach our service personnel and their families. We are constantly asking you to pray with us about this.

Joyce and I want to thank you again for your faithful prayers and support of this ministry. We *fully* understand that without you we could not do this work. We love you all and remain...

In Christ's service,

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