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MINISTERING TO OUR **MILITARY PERSONNEL**AND THEIR FAMILIES



Fall 2019

## Dear Prayer Partner:

In my summer correspondence written in July, I mentioned that hot weather was **not** my favorite time of the year but the consolation was that the thought that October was coming. Well, October has arrived and greeted us here in the Chattanooga area with record-breaking temperatures in the mid 90's for the past 10 days. Ouch!!! But...November is coming!

At the beginning of this letter, I would like to lay an important prayer request on your heart. In the past few months, we have engaged on an endeavor to help save and keep open a military church in Germany, which had already decided to close its doors. A few years ago, the US government decided to close the military facilities in Baumholder, Germany. They immediately began drawing down the community. However, just before the posts were scheduled to close, they reversed the decision, ordered it to remain open and immediately began not only to rebuild it but to increase the personnel. The church, Grace Baptist, had lost most of its members to rotation. Almost two years ago they lost their pastor and different men have been filling the pulpit.

Word came to us in April that they had decided to close the church in July because their lease on the building was up then and all but one family would rotate by August. Realizing the great history of this church (many souls saved and many preachers called from it), we felt it not only important but imperative that we work to keep it open. Understanding that the buildup had already reached some 15, 000 troops (plus dependents) and another 15, 000 on the way, we felt like that under no circumstances should this church close. We offered our help and fortunately the church accepted it. We began to raise funds to help pay the rent until the church could rebuild. Also, Brother Ricky Clark, a retired Army First Sergeant and a former pastor, agreed to go and fill in for the next several months. He is doing a great job and is worthy of our support, as is this effort to help this struggling church. If your church would want to invest in a good mission project, this would certainly be a worthy one.

Joyce and I are in the middle of our fall schedule. Between September 8 and November 17 we had some 10 meetings scheduled for mission emphasis and conferences. This has taken us and will take us to churches in Arkansas, Tennessee, Michigan (2), South Carolina, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. We hope to see many mission dollars committed, which will help many missionaries get to the field and be sustained once they get there.

It sure is great being back on the trail after the knee replacement surgery in June. Thank you all once again for your faithful prayers. The recovery therapy has been rather long and sometimes difficult, but we are on the downhill side of it now and doing well for which we are grateful to our Lord. Please continue to pray for complete healing.

We ask you to please continue to pray for Mike and DeAnna Staley as they raise the rest of their needed support. They have a military church in Spain waiting for their arrival and need another 35%. Their goal is to be there by the first of the year. The Hallmans are working hard on raising their support and at this point are planning to go to Germany. And once again, as in most all of our letters, we ask you to join us in prayer that the Lord of the Harvest would send forth more laborers into this needed field of **Military Missions**.

Joyce and I want to thank you for your faithful support of this ministry for our Lord. Many of you have been steadfast through the years to give and pray that we could minister to our military personnel and their families. We love you, pray for you and remain...

In Christ's Service,

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