

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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THE **ALVERSONS**
MINISTERING TO OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL
AND THEIR FAMILIES



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Dear Prayer Partner,

I am writing this correspondence on 19 February, the day of the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the attack on Iwo Jima in the Pacific. The US Marines and Navy launched the attack that lasted for the next five weeks, resulting in the capture of the island from the Japanese. The battle was bloody with over 26,000 American casualties. However, there would be other serious conflicts including the Battle of Okinawa, the bloodiest battle of WW II. This 82-day battle resulted in more than 58,000 American casualties. Altogether there were some 418,800 American military deaths during this horrible world war.

Of course, military missionaries are constantly aware of the fact that our military personnel are subject to face dangers and even death in war. Therefore, we believe that there is an *urgency* in getting the Gospel message to our military people and seek to win them to Christ. Each time I hear of another American death in the war on terror, my first thought is, "Was he/she saved? Were we successful in telling them about God's saving grace?"

In an earlier prayer letter we spoke of the **Baumholder Project**. Last summer we set out to help save this military church in Germany that had decided to close its doors because their membership had rotated out and the finances were drained. Brother Bryan Baggett, Military Director, and Dr. Tom Lancaster, European Coordinator, and I set out to raise some immediate funds to help them renegotiate their rental lease and committed to pay the rent for one year until they could get the attendance built back up and have enough income coming in to pay the rent and utilities. We have also been able to help them with a fill-in pastor until one could be called permanently. We are still in need of two months rent, totaling around \$2,400. Please pray with us regarding the matter, and if God would touch your heart to help (any amount) please send it to BIMI and designate it to account #642 – Baumholder Project.

Mike & DeAnna Staley are winding down their deputation and plan to be in Rota, Spain, soon where the Bethel Baptist Church is anxiously awaiting their arrival. They will do a great job leading this church. **The Hallman Family** continues raising their support and hopes to be in Germany early next year. Brother **Bill Lavender**, our newest military missionary, has already started the Liberty Baptist Church in the Fort Bliss area of El Paso, TX. Through their efforts of door-to-door soul winning, several have been saved and some are awaiting baptism. **Joe and Laura Passaro** will conclude their furlough at the end of February and are scheduled to leave for Germany on 3 March where they will take the work at Baumholder until further notice. Please continue to pray for these missionaries as well as those who are serving on the field already and doing a great job. It is a joy to work with these and represent them in Military Missions as we serve together.

Joyce and I ask you to pray with us about our upcoming spring schedule, which is very busy. A special request concerns our upcoming trip to Korea, which is scheduled for the last of March. We have been cautioned about going at this time because of the outbreak of the Coronavirus in Asia. Please pray that God will give us wisdom to know His perfect will regarding the matter. The plane tickets have been purchased and we are trying to weigh our options, so we do covet your fervent prayers.

We continue to see God answering prayers, souls coming to Christ and young men surrendering their lives to the ministry. We are continuously grateful for our faithful supporters both financially and through prayer, without which we could not continue this wonderful ministry. This is my 36th year in Military Missions and I plan to be doing this when God takes me Home. God bless you as you continue to serve our Lord there where He has placed you. We love you and remain...

In Christ's Service,

Jeff & Joyce Alverson

