## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MILITARY MINISTRIES

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



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Dear Prayer Partners:

A few years ago (2011) Joyce and I had the opportunity and privilege of traveling to Ukraine to minister. Joyce was invited to speak to a large group of ladies in a seminar in the city of Odessa, and I was invited to preach in a number of churches. It was a very exhilarating experience for us both. We were blessed to be invited to come back a couple of years later in 2013. We made some friends during our time there and have been able to stay in touch with them through the years. When Russia invaded their country on February 24, millions were forced to evacuate, including some of our friends. We sought the Lord diligently on their behalf that God would lead them to a place of safety.



There was one single young lady who especially took a liking to us. She has since married and God has blessed them with a precious little redhaired girl. I immediately contacted them when the invasion began and they told us that they were going to evacuate but did not know where to go. We worked with some dear missionary friends in Germany who invited them to stay with them until they knew where to go and what to do. We fervently prayed (many were praying) that God would allow them to come to America. Long story short, through the Providence of Almighty God, they arrived in USA last month (April). There were six altogether, three have located in North Carolina and our dear friends



are here in Georgia close to us.

I want to personally thank everyone who *prayed* and the folks who *gave* to help them get across Europe and then across the ocean. We especially thank our missionary friends who kindly took them into their homes and the special offerings they gave to help. Please continue to pray for them as they get settled into America. There is much paperwork, many decisions and much expense involved. We can only imagine how difficult it would be to have to leave your country with only what can quickly be packed into a few suitcases, not knowing where to go and what to do. Now, they must learn a new language, new customs, new culture, etc. Thank you so much for praying and helping.

We also have some wonderful Military Ministry news. The Rojas Family departed USA on 27 April and are now in Sasebo, Japan, the place where God has called them to serve. They will be great military missionaries and we thank the Lord daily that He has them in place serving the Sasebo Baptist Church and the Naval military community stationed there. Please pray for them.

Our dear missionary friend, Brother Chris Parker, is doing well (as best to be expected) since his good wife of 50 years and 2 months, checked out and went Home to Heaven on February 21. They served the Lord together faithfully in Military Missions for more than 45 years. We had lunch together yesterday and he is excited about going to Aviano, Italy on June 2 to fill in for the Calvary Baptist Church for three months. Please pray for him as he continues to serve our Lord.

BIMI Candidate School is just around the corner. We have two families this year – the Ropers, on deputation preparing to go to Sicilia and the Nortons raising more support to take over the church in Aviano, Italy. Please pray for these good families and if possible, have them in your church for support consideration. They are, indeed, a blessing.

Thank you again for your prayers and faithful support of our ministry. We have tried to represent you well in the work of Military Missions, an effort to plant churches near military bases and reach the men and women who are serving our country for Christ. If we can ever be of any help to you, please let us know. We love you all and remain....

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