

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



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Dear Prayer Partner:

Those who know me know that I am NOT an avid fan of hot weather (I am not even an apathetic fan). Therefore, unlike the majority of the population, I do not enjoy the “good ole summer time!” I find nothing amusing about the “dog days” of August and the only thing exciting about them is that the hopes of fall will soon be realized. But since God made the seasons and said that His creation was “very good,” I try to find that *good* and anxiously await the fall. I do thank God for air-conditioning and if it were possible (of course, it’s not) for anyone to get to Heaven on good works, Mr. Willis Carrier (the father of air-conditioning) would surely make it on that discovery alone.

Some of you are aware of Joyce’s hearing impairment which she possibly inherited from her mother. This first began to be noticed in her 50’s and has become progressively worse the past few years. Up until then, she had always enjoyed good hearing. A couple of years ago God graciously crossed our paths with an excellent and caring audiologist who has been very concerned about her situation. She strongly recommended the Cochlear Implant, believing she was a prime candidate and set up an appointment for us at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. That began the ball rolling and on June 1 the Implant surgery was done. It was a 3-phase operation (June 1, 21, July 19) but it has been a great success. The procedure has increased her hearing amazingly, which has enabled her to hear even little things such as the crinkling of paper opening a pack of nabs. Please pray for her that all will continue to go well as we try to soak in and navigate through all of these new materials.

BIMI Candidate School was conducted the first week of June (6-10). Forty-five candidates completed either Phase I or II, many of whom immediately hit the Deputation Trail. Please pray for these that they will be able to quickly raise their mission support and get to the field where God has called them to serve.

From time to time we will have changes in the military ministries. A missionary may resign, or maybe feel led to go to another area and start a church; or perhaps because of age, they feel that a younger man should take the work; or a missionary may incur some physical problems and need to take a furlough. Such was the recent case with Chris and LouAnne War. Because of some health issues it was recommended that they take a medical furlough to get them resolved. Brother Daniel Norton, who is on a brief furlough now, will be moving to Aviano, Italy, to take the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church and the work will go on. Please pray for both the Wars and the Nortons during this transition.

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to report. Bill and Heather Lavender, BIMI military missionaries serving in the Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, area, went to wake up Bridgett, their 10-year old daughter, on the Saturday morning of July 9 and found that she had checked out of her earthly “house” and had checked into her Heavenly Home. Although they fully understand that it is only a temporary loss, still it is very difficult for them right now so please pray for them that they can lean heavily on His sufficient grace. Bill was a part of our ministry in Aschaffenburg, Germany, over 30 years ago and has faithfully served his country and our Savior through these many years. May God bless them and the precious memory of Bridgett.

Our fall schedule will soon begin and we are looking forward to some great mission conferences. Please pray for our travels and pray that the touch of God will be on our preaching as we seek to raise funds for missions and represent our missionaries in this great endeavor of Military Missions. Thank you again for your prayers and faithful support of our ministry. We love you all and remain...

In Christ’s Service,

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