

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



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Dear Prayer Partner:

Fifty-five years ago today (January 30, 1968) I was in the country of South Viet Nam, engaged in the Viet Nam War. It was the Chinese Lunar New Year called TET (full name Tet Nguyen Dan), which actually means "*The feast of the morning*." It is a time of feasting and celebration and begins the New Year in Viet Nam. However, it was much more than festivities this week in 1968. The enemy had planned an orchestrated series of attacks in a number of cities and military installations throughout the south. At 1730 hours (5:30 PM) the commanding general issued an order for a **Red Alert**, which included the entire areas of Saigon, Long Binh, and Bien Hoa (where I was stationed). Intelligence had reported a huge gathering of enemy troops consisting of Viet Cong/PAVN (Peoples Army of Viet Nam) just south of us at Bien Hoa and as many as two battalions were held up in an old rubber plantation about ½ mile east of the base. At 1800 hours (6 PM) we officially went on **Red Alert**, which meant conditions were in place for the probability of an imminent attack. At 0300 hours they hit and hit hard! In the next hour and a half over 100 M-82 mortars and more than ninety 122 mm Russian-built rockets (with a 6-foot warhead) rained down on our base. Just as the day began to break, the small arms fire started and we knew they were attacking the east perimeter and attempting to overrun the base. As they permeated the perimeter, the Huey and Cobra helicopter gunships got airborne and successfully drove them back off base into the jungles and a horrific 3-day battle ensued.

I normally wouldn't write these war matters in a prayer letter but today (January 30) I wanted to testify that God used all of this (and much more) to get my attention that I needed to get right with Him and give my life totally to Him, which I did shortly thereafter. On February 16, 1969, I surrendered to His call to preach and have been preaching the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ since. It's been a wonderful journey and if I could live my life over, I would do it all over again!

For the past 38 years we have been in the ministry of military missions, seeking to reach our military and their families for Christ. I, along with my good and faithful wife Joyce, travel many miles each year in this ministry. Many of you receiving this correspondence support us financially and in prayer and some have done so for many years. **THANK YOU.** Our Lord Jesus said, "*One soweth, and another reapeth...and ye are entered into their labours.*" (John 4:37-38). May God richly bless you for "entering into" our labors. He will adequately reward you at the Judgment Seat of Christ in THAT DAY.

We have a number of prayer requests in the Military Ministries, the need for more labors being among the greatest (Matthew 9:37-38). Presently, one military church is in need of a pastor. This church, located near several military bases overseas, has been greatly used of God through the years and we are praying for a seasoned man who can successfully lead them to continue this great labor of love. Please join us in this urgent request.

Joyce and I want to thank you who sent special Christmas gifts last month. We have tried to write personal notes of thanks but if we inadvertently missed someone, please accept this as sincere appreciation and may God bless you all for your generosity. If any of our supporting churches would like to have a personal report on the ministry please let us know and we will do our best to work it out soon. We love you and remain....

In Christ's Service,

Jeff & Joyce Alverson