

# INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MILITARY MINISTRIES THE ALVERSONS

MINISTERING TO OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES



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Dear Prayer Partners:

I am writing today, March 29, which is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. On this day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from the country and the last POW's held in North Vietnam arrived back on American soil. The war *officially* ended April 30, 1975, when NVA tanks rolled through the gates of the Presidential Palace in Saigon, the capital, and South Vietnam fell to the Communists. That was 50 years ago. I was there in 1967-'68.

It is now April 10 and we had a small delay in writing the correspondence. Joyce and I just returned from Brighton, Illinois, where we had a wonderful missions conference with Pastor Don Letson and First Baptist Church. What a great mission-minded, mission-hearted, mission-giving church! This good church gave in excess of \$110,000 to worldwide missions this past year and supports over 65 missionaries in various parts of the world. This was my 23<sup>rd</sup> year in a row to preach the conference for this good pastor. It was also our first meeting away from home since my cancer diagnosis last August. God gave us special traveling and preaching strength, for which we are grateful. Thank you for praying for us.

**Update on the cancer condition:** During my chemo and radiation treatments last fall, I lost 32 pounds of weight because I was unable to eat normally. I weighed less than I had weighed in 56 years, but thankfully, I was able to begin eating again around the first of the year and have gained half the weight back that I had lost. On March 3 I had a P.E.T. scan which revealed that there was **no tumor and no cancer in my esophagus area**. God has answered our prayers as believers in different parts of the world have been earnestly praying for this specific prayer request. Only in Eternity will Joyce and I be able to adequately express our sincere appreciation, but for now we say, THANK YOU. I will be having procedures and scans every three months for the time being to make sure it doesn't raise its ugly head again. Please continue praying regarding this matter and do continue praying for Joyce as she is still struggling with shingles pain.

We also ask you to continue in prayer for the ministry of Military Missions. There are some specific requests: 1) The *Iwakuni (Japan) Project*. This is for the Faith Baptist Church, one of the few overseas military ministry churches that actually owns the church building. They are having to tear down the old building and build a new facility, which will cost some \$700,000. Thus far they have raised some 50% of what is needed. If you could and would be willing to help with this project, please send to BIMI "Iwakuni Project." 2) Mike and Deanna Staley are our missionaries in Rota, Spain. Deanna's mother recently passed away in North Dakota. It is always difficult to lose a parent but especially when you are serving overseas. Please pray for Deanna and her family during this difficult time. 3) Our on-going prayer request is for more laborers. Presently there is a need for a military pastor in Okinawa and in Europe. Should you have an interest and/or questions, please contact Brother Bryan Baggett, Military Director at BIMI. Please join us in prayer especially for these three requests.

Our mission conference schedule takes us to East Ridge, Tennessee, last week of April, to Warner-Robbins, Georgia, in May and Gallatin, Tennessee, in June. Please pray for these meetings. Pray that God will continue to give strength to travel and preach His Word.

Thank you again for your faithful financial and prayer support of our ministry, without which we could not continue. God bless you as you continue serving our LORD there where He has placed you. We love you all and remain....

In Christ's Service,

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