



REACHING TROOPS

THE PRAYER LETTER OF THE MCCAINS, MINISTERING TO U.S. MILITARY

Friends,

29 July 2024

I have been home from the hospital for four weeks. The surgeons performed a quadruple bypass. Everything seems to be healing nicely, which is an answer to tens of thousands of prayers. I have used the downtime to finish a devotional book geared towards teens and young adults that uses examples from sports to drive home truths from Solomon. It is published on Amazon under the title *Proverbs for Peak Performance*. If you would like to receive one or more copies, let me know and I can ship it/them at better than the Amazon price.

I never really updated our churches on our trip to Italy in the last letter. We were able to be an encouragement to the congregation and do a bit of witnessing to a number of people we met there. Due to our unfamiliarity with Italian, we were limited to distributing tracts to locals; ironically, we got the opportunity to do so in the shadows of the Catholic basilica in town, a very scenic site that has hundreds of visitors daily. We were able to witness to three Americans extensively in that same place. While Vicenza is a much needed work, we do not believe that God is sending us there. Thank you for your prayers for wisdom in that matter.

Our most recent act of serving veterans and active duty took place May 18 at Good News Baptist Church's military appreciation dinner. Around 100 veterans and guests came out for a great meal, games and a gospel message.

A couple of weeks before my surgery, I met with my sending pastor and general director. Going back to when we left England, I immediately prayed for the Lord to supply us with another field where we could conduct military ministry. It has always been my desire for the Lord to work behind the scenes to put us with the right people in the right places, because I have a tendency to push, pursue, and attempt to make things happen ahead of and outside of God's schedule. We held out hope for Italy, but then ruled that out. Since it has been ten months since we left England, and I do not have clear direction from the Lord about a place of military ministry, I have resigned from Armed Forces Baptist Missions and have been encouraged to seek other ministry opportunities. AFBM can continue to process any gifts or support you choose to send until September 30.

We believe that God is guiding us to pastor a church in Wyoming. We will fly out to view the work at the end of July. This is a bi-vocational position that may eventually grow into full-time. I could give my full attention to the church if enough of our churches continued to support us, but I do not take support for granted. I will include more details in August's prayer letter should the Lord guide us there. Please pray that His will will be unmistakable.

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