

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



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Dear Prayer Partner:

Today, as I write this correspondence, we are observing Memorial Day, a time that our nation has set aside to remember and honor those 1,316,702 American men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives for our freedoms. Actually, there are three main days the nation observes each year to honor our military, both the living and the dead. One, that is not given as much prominence as the other two, but very important, is **Armed Forces Day** which is celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of the month of May (this year on May 20). On this day we honor all military personnel who *are presently serving*. Then there is **Veteran's Day**, which is celebrated on November 11. This day is set aside to honor all who *have served*. The third is **Memorial Day**, which is observed the last Monday of the month of May (this year on May 29). On this day we honor and *memorialize* all of those who have died defending our freedoms.

It has been so profoundly and very eloquently said that there are only two forces that are willing to die for us: [1] Our Savior, Who was willing to die for our **Forgiveness**; [2] The soldier, who is willing to die for our **Freedom**. May we never forget and always honor those brave soldiers who fought and died for America and may we always remember and deeply appreciate our Blessed Savior Who willingly suffered, bled and died for our sins on the Cross of Calvary. He actually made it a memorial so we would never forget (Luke 22:19-20).

For 39 years now my family and I have been military missionaries taking this message of salvation in Christ to our soldiers and their families. Ever so often we hear of military personnel dying, sometimes in war and other times by accidents or other incidents. But every time this news reaches my ears, I always pause and ask, "Was he/she saved? Did we reach them with the Gospel before they died?" How sad to think that anyone serving our country would ever die and go to a Christless hell for all of eternity when JESUS died on the old rugged Cross to save them from such a tragic plight! This is precisely why we must reach them with the wonderful message of salvation.

Since the first of the year Joyce and I have been busy in mission conferences and promoting the ministry of Military Missions in local churches. Thus far we have seen a quarter of a million dollars committed to worldwide missions. This will help many missionaries get to the field and others to be sustained on the field. In these meetings, nine new missionary families were taken on at the conclusion of the conference.

Our major prayer request that we mention often for missions overall and for Military Ministries specifically is our Lord's prayer request for more laborers (Matthew 9:36-38). Our annual BIMM candidate board meeting and candidate school will be coming up soon, June 5-9. Please pray for these missionary candidates who will meet the board, be interviewed and vetted for missionary service.

Joyce and I would like to thank you once again for your faithful prayer and financial support of our ministry to the U.S. military and their families around the world. We look forward to the opportunities God has given us for the summer and the very busy schedule for the fall, which includes an overseas trip to Japan. Please pray with us for health and strength to keep on keeping on for JESUS until the trumpet sounds! We love you and remain....

In Christ's Service,

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