

Missionaries to the Military

Winning & Training the Military for Jesus Christ

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To Our Faithful Partners in Ministry,

Many of you may not be aware of the changes that have taken place in our ministry over the past few months, so I will briefly attempt to bring you up to date.

After 33 years of being director of Military Christian Centers in Arizona and North Carolina, the time has come for us to change our methods of ministry to the military. Effective at the end of 2016, our base of ministry has become our local church instead of the Military Christian Center. This decision was based on a number of factors:

- (1) Our health and age – We know what it takes to effectively operate the Center and maintain an effective Center ministry, and we do not physically have the necessary energy and strength to continue. We both are ageing and just can't keep up with the daily demands. The many, many duties of operating the Center are the same as 33 years ago, but our bodies are not up to the task. In fairness to those who support this ministry, we believe it is time for us to redirect our methods of ministry through our local church.
- (2) Decline in interest – We have seen in recent years that Airmen have become less interested in "A Home Away From Home." The young men and women of today's Air Force have nicely furnished barracks (dorms), money to spend, time for off-base social life, permission to live off-base if they wish, and many other attractions to involve their time. The generation of 18-25 year olds today lives on fast food and very few are attracted to home cooked meals. Our Center bunkroom was no longer appealing to escape the dorm life. Bible study has become, to most, "something to do when there isn't anything else" rather than interest in spiritual growth.
- (3) Direct more energy to ministry – Since we no longer have the work and responsibilities of maintaining the Center building and property, we feel like we can devote that energy to ministry through our local church and be more involved among the military community of active duty and retired military personnel.

PLEASE, let me emphasize, we are not retiring; we are not quitting our ministry to the Military. We are only changing our methods of outreach to the Military. Over these past years, the Military Christian Center has been the means for reaching out to Airmen of Seymour-Johnson Air Force

Base. Our ministry has been primarily focused on young, single Airmen and young couples. We begin now to make our local church, Grace Baptist Church, our base by which we not only reach out to singles and couples, but to military families with children as well as retired military. **We will maintain our missionary status with the Missions To Military Board**, which is in full agreement with our decision to adjust our methods of ministry. Ownership of the property has transferred to Wayne Pregnancy Care Center, a Christ-centered ministry addressing unplanned pregnancies of women in Goldsboro and Wayne County. **We are very thankful that the property will continue to be used for the Lord's work and reaching people with the Gospel.**

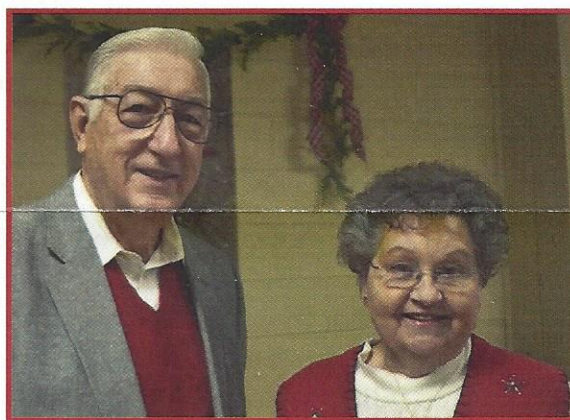
Joe has met and discussed our plans of ministry with our pastor and 2 other supporting pastors in this area. We look forward to sharing with you over this year some ways we are reaching out to the Military on base and in the community. **Please pray that God will continue to use us for His Glory and service.**

MORE PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *Our health.* Joe is having constant, severe pain in his knees and upper legs and Linda is suffering daily with severe back pain. We need wisdom to find doctors who will find the source of our pains and prescribe ways for relief.
- *Tyler & Courtney* - having their first baby boy in May
- *Matthew and Olivia* - visited church and have some decisions about Air Force job
- *Several Air Force families* in our community who are not attending church.
- *Charles*, retired Air Force MSgt, in Veterans home with failing health.
- *Lewis*, retired military, has pancreatic cancer and less than a year to live and may not be saved.

Each month we add new names to our E-News list. If you don't receive emails from us, we may not have your email address. Our email address is at top of this letter.

May the Lord continue to bless and use each of you for His Glory. **THANK YOU** again for your faithful years of support and prayers.



WE'RE PRESSING ON!

Your Missionaries to the Military,
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***"IT IS OF THE LORD'S MERCIES THAT WE ARE NOT CONSUMED,
BECAUSE HIS COMPASSIONS FAIL NOT.
THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING:
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS."***

Lamentations 3:22-23