

# Gary & Karen Craft

Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

## August 2018 Prayer Letter

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

We are grateful for your continued financial and prayer support and are excited about the new opportunities to reach the military that are before us.

### Missions Conference

I had the wonderful privilege to preach the mission conference for Eifel Baptist Church in Spangdahlem, Germany in the month of July. The missions commitment doubled over the previous year and Pastor Rusty Pilalas was thrilled with the Faith Promise Commitment. The Pilalas family were in our church in Torrejon, Spain in the mid-1980s. When we first met them they were a young military family with 2 little boys and were struggling with life, finances and marriage. Today, our hearts are filled with joy to see the wonderful job they are doing reaching and ministering to the military in the Spangdahlem area. And, one of those "little boys" is now pastor of a military church in Japan.

### New Church Plant

As you remember, I spoke of the opportunity to plant a new church in Europe this fall. That burden has become a reality as the need is great. The Lord has GIVEN us a church building to use RENT FREE! We will only have to pay the utilities to use the building. The building is a historic German Mennonite church and the German congregation are now in a newer, recently built building. One of their elders has prayed for several years that God would send an American pastor to reach the military in the vacant building. On Sunday, August 5th, I was able to preach two services there. The acoustics are amazing!! Also, before we flew back to the states, we visited in the home of a military family who are wanting to be a part of a good church. Lord willing, we will plant a new church in the fall. We covet your prayers.

### Needs

Those who have supported us for many years know that we have not asked for help with needs. During this transition and with the start of a new church, there are specific needs that we have. That list includes: Outreach cards(\$125); banner with the church name(\$250); hymnals (\$500); offering plates(\$100); keyboard (\$1500.); local advertising in the military communities(\$1000 for one year); developing a web site(\$500); paint to upgrade the building(\$1000); plane tickets(\$2000); and, a good reliable car to drive(\$10,000). Please pray with us about those needs and if the Lord lays on your heart to provide monies to help with any of them, please send it through the GIBM address below and make a notation on the check for the need you are giving to. Thank you in advance!

### Support

If you need an updated picture or our new prayer cards, please contact us at: [pastcraft@gmail.com](mailto:pastcraft@gmail.com)

Please send our support to GIBM, 602 Manco Road, Lewisville, TX 75067 and make sure you put my name (Gary Craft) on the memo line. You will receive a receipt every month after that to send support in with.

Yours for military souls,



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