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Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Greetings from Germany! Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support. We want to thank the churches who sent funds for special projects and Christmas gifts. They were a great blessing and encouragement to us!

Special Projects

We are excited about the new church Facebook page which enables us to connect with the local community and announces sermon series and events on our calendar. We are grateful for the help from dedicated servants of the Lord to put together this ministry tool.

We purchased outreach cards and are getting them out into the community with a "Welcome Home" invitation. As of the first of January 2019, we have an ad in a local military directory that distributes 60,000 copies in this community. One of the faithful secretaries at our sending church put together a beautiful ad for the Baptist Times which circulates all over America. We are working on an attractive sign to place in front of the church so visitors can easily locate us. Also, the church web site is under construction. We believe these avenues of connection will bring visitors our way.

Faithful Families

We are grateful for the faithful families who attend every service and have a great desire to grow in the faith. We have other families who visit. We would ask you to pray that God will send more families to help build the work. Grace Baptist Church is now 4 months old and we are grateful for the blessings of these early days.

2019 Theme

Nehemiah 4:6c says, "...and the people had a mind to work." We took this year's theme from that verse as we seek to "RISE UP AND BUILD".

Special Outreach Events

On December 16th, we had our best attendance to date at our Christmas Open House. It was a beautiful candlelight service with Christmas carols sung and the Christmas story read in both English and German and was attended by both Germans and Americans. Following the service, our guests were served hot apple cider and Christmas cookies. Our first snowfall of the season that weekend seemed to be the perfect "touch" for the event.

On March 3rd, we will host a German-American Friendship Day. We are looking forward to ministering that day in both English and German and the meal that will follow the service. Pray that God will bless abundantly.

Yours for military souls,



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