

# Gary & Karen Craft

Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Thank you for your continued support and prayers! We truly are living in interesting times. Things have changed quickly in the world in last few weeks!

## HE LIVES!

Although we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ differently than we usually do, He is still the same yesterday, today and forever! We pray that this season of the year will be a special one for all of you. We look forward to special Resurrection Sunday Services via "Zoom" with our military families in Germany. We are encouraging our people to invite their family members scattered around the globe to worship with us. Some have said perhaps more will hear the gospel message this Easter than ever before.

## KAREN'S EYE

Karen had cataract surgery the end of February in Germany and it was successful. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, we returned to the Sulzbach Eye Klinik for a second laser surgery on her left retina. The doctor was pleased with the retina's healing process and was very optimistic. He believes her sight will improve in these next few weeks. Her next appointment is in May. Please continue to pray for her vision to be restored in her left eye.

## SPRING PLANS

Normally, at this time of year, we participate in Military Emphasis Week at Heartland Baptist Bible College. That was scheduled this year as well. We arrived stateside in plenty of time for self-quarantining as required for travelers from Europe. However, it soon became apparent all of life in the United States was about to change. The college sent their students home and the whole immediate future has changed drastically. During the quarantine time, we have dealt with some symptoms of the virus but are getting better and gaining strength each day.

## MINISTRY CONTINUES

The coronavirus pandemic took us all by surprise at least to the magnitude of it and the response associated with it. Currently in Germany, no religious meetings can be held. What a blessing to use technology to continue the work of the ministry during this time. We continue our Wednesday Discipleship Training as well as our Sunday worship service and Sunday School. This challenge from the COVID 19 virus has the positive effect of binding our church family together even more. We have encouraged our people to "Be the Church" and reach out to each other, their German neighbors and military co-workers. Through our "zoom" services, we are able to invite others to hear the Word of God preached and taught thus expanding our area of influence during this time.

## LOOKING AHEAD

We look forward to life returning to normal and church services in Germany and around the world resuming. As airlines resume travel, Rob and Daci Kitchen will travel to Germany to visit our military ministry first hand and minister with us. We are excited to see all that God is doing in the lives of this couple as He continues to stir their hearts for military missions. During our "zoom" services, they have been able to meet our people and minister through music. What a blessing!

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers.

Yours for military souls,



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