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Veteran Missionaries to the US Military

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

We woke up this morning to a winter wonderland and our first snow of the season! The beauty of the fresh fallen snow is a reminder of the cleansing power of our Lord "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7b). God has blessed our ministry in these weeks since our last prayer letter. Even though Covid-19 has put a new wrinkle to things, we are grateful that we continue to be able to have "live" church services with restrictions. Our last prayer letter mentioned special Sundays we had planned. Each of these special Sundays brought new families visiting our services and they have all continued coming.

Harvest Sunday

We celebrated Harvest Sunday in October. It was a good day with 2 new families and a single lady visiting for the first time. Family pictures were taken in the 'Pumpkin Patch' and each child received a bag of "treats" and picked a pumpkin to take home. Hot apple cider and muffins were served outside during the fellowship time after the service.

'Pumpkin Pie' Sunday

In celebration of Thanksgiving, we enjoyed another special Sunday. Normally, we would celebrate with a church Thanksgiving meal. However, this year with the Coronavirus restrictions, we were not allowed to do that. So, we gave a fresh baked pumpkin pie to each of the 14 families present in celebration of God's goodness. Two additional new families visited for the first time. During the service, we read what each of the children said they were thankful for. It was a special time for everyone.

Christmas

We have plans for a Christmas Candlelight service on December 20th. This season is a reminder of all that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. He has been so good to all of us. In spite of many obstacles in the year 2020, the Lord has grown His church here to almost double the size of earlier in the year. More importantly, people are growing spiritually and God is strengthening His Church. The witness of the Holy Spirit that God is doing something good in our midst brings great joy! Thank you for your prayers and support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and God's blessings in the New Year!

Yours for military souls,



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