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## Missionaries to the U.S. Military

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We pray this New Year finds you well and blessed. We want to thank each and every church and individual that sent us cards, gifts or extra support for the holidays. It was an overwhelming blessing.

As we enter 2017 and just over 2 ½ years of fulltime deputation, I can't tell you how difficult it is to still be on deputation. Our plan was to be on deputation for just 12 to 18 months but we have learned that God has a plan and a timetable for everything. Even though our hearts are in Germany, we know that deputation is a ministry all its own and we are trying to make full proof of that ministry. However, we do want to thank all the churches and individuals that have helped us get to this point; those who have invested and continue to invest in us financially and prayerfully. We could not be where we are without your support. We are currently at 60% supported and we are praying that God will open the door for us to leave sometime in July for Germany. Please pray that God works and guides to that end.

One of the striking things we have seen over and over as we travel are hurting pastors and shrinking churches. In just the time we have been on deputation, we have seen 4 supporting churches close their doors because of financial reasons and one that had to close because of internal struggles. The churches we visit have a constant place on my prayer list and I beg each person reading this prayer letter to not only pray for your church and Pastor daily but invest in them both. The value of a little encouragement cannot be overstated. Our God is a God of miracles but He works through us. Prayer must be backed up by time, effort and personal involvement. Even Moses needed help to hold his arms up. Too many pastors have to do it alone instead of building side by side with their people. Nehemiah is a great example of what can be done if we would all just do a little bit.

Finally, please keep our military and their families in prayer. God has given the United States a reprieve but our military continue to be on the front line of the fight. The administration of the last 8 years has made them a test tube of experimentation for worldly values, beliefs and practices. Fifteen years of almost constant combat and deployments have also taken its toll. Our military is tired and worn but professional and determined. Just because we have gotten a reprieve doesn't mean they have. Our military and their families need Christ now more than ever.

Thank you and God Bless.

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Luke 12:48

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