



The Eagle Commission

The spiritual support ministry and link to our Chaplains and their families

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Thanks again for your continued support to the ministry of the Eagle Commission. Our chaplain team is engaged in significant ministry around the globe. Here are a few updates and photos:

Air Force Chaplain George Youstra accompanied the Vice chairman of the Joint staff and USO guests on a global tour (literally.) From Alaska to Korea and Japan, the Middle East and Europe, he had the opportunity to encourage military chaplains and visit firsthand our nation's servicemen where they are serving overseas.



Army Chaplain Pete Stone was promoted to Major on April 13, 2018 (not the date on his orders!). Along with the Schaefer's and Graham's, Robin and I had the privilege of being at his promotion at Fort Belvoir. Pray for Pete, Monica and Seb (short for John Sebastian) ... as they serve there but also expect their second child ... a girl in late July (which is why Pete will NOT be at Access2018.)

For your prayer ... the following chaplains and their families have already moved to the next assignment or will be doing so in the next few weeks:

John Jacobsen to the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Jackson, SC (faculty assignment)

Justin Hayes to the U.S. Navy Chaplain School, Fort Jackson, SC (faculty assignment)

James Murray to the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Jackson, SC (student status)

George and Rose Youstra to U.S. Special Operations Command, Tampa, FL

Daniel Ruiz to Maxwell Air Force Base, AL (student status for 6 weeks)

While regular and frequent moves every 2-3 years are a part of military life, that does not mean they become less stressful. To pack up and move, to leave the memories and ministry friendships made, and to start anew is a huge challenge --- for our chaplains, their spouses *and* their children.

Army Chaplain Cameron Michael suffered a broken femur on a practice airborne jump at Fort Bragg, NC. Pray for a complete and speedy recovery!

Also, due to the summer moves (during any given summer, about 20-25% of all military personnel are reassigned), Chaplains David Mvondo (Vilseck, Germany) and Carl Phillips (Wiesbaden, Germany) ask for your prayers. As senior leaders in their units, they are NOT moving but, with others moving, it does mean that they will be carrying a heavier workload for the summer months.

Finally, we are grateful to you for your continued and faithful giving to the Eagle Commission. Financial support has increased more than 50% during the first trimester of the year. This means we are “on target” to meet our budget requirements for ministry this year. Thanks so much for helping support this ministry that allows our fellowship to recruit and encourage our chaplains and their families as they share the Gospel to our service members and veterans!

On mission! By grace!



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The annual meeting of the GBIF corporation will be held Wednesday, July 25, 2018, in conjunction with Access2018, in Fremont, OH. For more information, please visit the website <https://www.access2018.com>.