



THE BROWN FAMILY

YOUR MISSIONARIES TO THE ARMED FORCES

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Dear Praying Friends,

"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.."
1 Thessalonians 5:24.

Our faithful God is always at work and we want to share some blessings from God.

Filling the Gap

Churches that are burdened to minister to military members and their families are so important and are a primary focus for Armed Forces Baptist Missions. Our family is grateful to God for the many churches that were a blessing to us during Kevin's twenty-six year Army career. God allowed us to be reunited with one of those special churches this Summer.

In 1990, Kevin found himself in the Middle East for what would be known as DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. Michelle was left behind in Germany with 2 toddlers. Desiring to be with family at Christmas, Michelle returned to her childhood home in Western Massachusetts. Seeking a Bible preaching church to attend during her visit, she found Cornerstone Baptist Church in the yellow pages. A relatively new church plant, her heart was immediately knit to that loving, faithful group of believers. Over the decades since, our family attended there during many family vacations and we were always encouraged and strengthened. We have many dear friends there.

This summer we were thrilled to return to Pittsfield, Massachusetts for Cornerstone Baptist Church's 40th anniversary. The story of that church testifies of our great God and we are so thankful for how it has blessed and helped



many. The "stones of remembrance" they shared with everyone remind us of God's great work there and serve as an important reminder to pray for more lasting fruit.

Continuing Gospel Outreach

Do you believe that God's timing is always perfect? An important Servicemen's Center ministry outside Joint Base Maguire/Dix lakerhurst in New Jersey had a need for more laborers in order to keep its doors open. Months of praying

had yielded no answer for this need until God intervened at the perfect time. Kevin "happened" to be in New Jersey and was available to preach and answer questions about what Servicemen Center ministry involves to a church that was prayerfully considering taking the lead role in that ministry. Kevin's visit "just happened" to be there 2 weeks before a church vote that had been providentially delayed. The Center's doors will remain open and the ministry will even expand because of a church that loves souls and our military. We give thanks for God's provision and His perfect timing.

The Joy of being Home

Our home church hosts an amazing VBS each summer and active participation is a priority for Michelle. In the *Mornings for Moms* program during VBS, God allowed her to teach a series on the *Biblical Role of Parents* to more than 20 ladies. It was wonderful to receive feedback from ladies about the practical relevance of her topic.

Praising God for:

- Jess and Rahu (USAF) and Laim (Marine) who professed faith in Christ in July and August through the outreach of our AFBM servicemen's center in New Jersey. Pray for discipleship opportunities.
- God's continued grace, health, and provision as we travel and minister.

Please pray for

- Lisa (who works at Mission BBQ where Kevin and Missionary Jim Madden met her). She was confused about salvation, having prayed several times in the past. We talked about the need to place true faith in Christ, and she received a copy of John and Romans.
- Fruitful ministry during upcoming mission's conferences and church meetings; a Bible college visit; and numerous military outreach services in November.
- More laborers to meet current and future AFBM needs in the US and overseas.

We thank God for you - our faithful friends and prayer partners. God hears you and we can see His hand at work!

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