

Dear Praying Friends and Family:

In my last letter, I asked you to pray for our soldiers and battalion leadership as we had received news of imminent and significant mission demands under the new presidential administration. The facts are, by mid-February, most of the 508<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion (the MP unit that runs the prison) was deployed. The military chaplain I work with was also deployed, and the majority of the prisoners were moved to the military prisons on Fort Leavenworth. While it was a blessing to be afforded the opportunity to pray with and provide Bibles and tracts to the deploying soldiers, ministry opportunities once again seemed uncertain.

God's timing is always perfect, especially when dealing with uncertain times. The Lord reminded me that we had praised the Lord for the "...continuing favor He

has given us with the military commanding officials" in our last letter. This favor was made very apparent in the absence of our military chaplains. In years past, I have worked with chaplains assigned to the prison, as well as the chaplains assigned to the military police battalion. Due to restructuring within the US Army Military Police Corps, we were only assigned one military chaplain to serve as both the MP battalion and the prison chaplain, but he was deployed with the rest of the battalion after only two weeks of his arrival. In the midst of this situationally perfect storm with many extraordinary circumstances, the few remaining prisoners and soldiers were left with no military chaplain support. The battalion commander approached me and asked what I would be willing and able to do to support the unit's rear detachment. Since early February, I have been the sole chaplain for the battalion and prison, except for the emergency on-call duty chaplains at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This will continue until the battalion returns tentatively near the end of July. The remaining soldiers working the facility have been subject to exhausting shifts for only a few prisoners at a time. The Lord has given us a wide-open door for countless hours of sharing the Gospel, discipleship, counselling, visits, and other ministry opportunities. The Lord has been blessing, and we have had several soldiers trust Christ in the past few months!

In the first week of May, I took another revival team to the Military Correctional Complex at Fort Leavenworth. Upon my arrival, the military chaplain informed me of a security incident that ultimately resulted in the cancelation of four of our nine scheduled services. Despite the hindrances, we had amazing services. Seven incarcerated soldiers made professions of faith in Christ! For the first time, I had two retired Army chaplains join us on the revival team. I worked directly with both of these men in years past, and both significantly helped establish our military prison work within three different facilities. It was a blessing to minister with these brothers again. Rock of Ages and I have been preaching the Gospel at Fort Leavenworth for twenty-three years now!

I'll leave you with one last example of the continuing favor God has given us with military commanding officials. I was recently honored to be a part of our battalion's change of command ceremony, a privilege customarily reserved for military

chaplains. Praise the Lord for this exceptional opportunity to minister in such a public venue with high visibility. God is good!

Thank you for all you do for us. We could not do what we do without your prayers and support!

In HIS Service,

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I had the honor of praying for the 508<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion commander change of command ceremony.

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2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.



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Soldiers of the 508<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion boarding a plane for

deployment in early February.