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a Compassionate, Active, Military Outreach **ARLAN & ELLEN DAVIS**

Supporting Spiritual Resiliency throughout Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

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Dear Pastor and friends,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021. We wanted to thank you for praying for us as we prepared for and hosted the 2020 Christmas Day Pancake Breakfast. It was a great event again this year although very different from anything we have done before.

We just wanted to give you an update on how God opened doors, answered prayer, and was just all around "right on time".

The delivery of over two thirds of the meals this year would be time sensitive due to the isolation constraints placed on many of the service members. We needed a way to keep the meals hot until it was time to deliver them. We asked about a food warmer from several locations. There was an on-again off-again response. To be honest we were stressing some because we wanted it to be right and safe. We felt we had to have the warmers to make it right. The Deputy Wing Chaplain, a Jewish Rabbi, was assisting us in our quest. As we stressed, he reminded us that **God has this all under control**.



Turns out that there were two warmers right across the street from the chapel that were made available to us. They worked out beautifully to hold the containers of prepackaged meals.



On Christmas Eve Day, Ellen and our son Nicholas **cracked over 1200 eggs** in preparation for the breakfast. I got to use the hand mixer to scramble the eggs. The eggs were stored in gallon ziplocks in the refrigerator and the pancake mix was measured out in bags to ensure as best we could an uninterrupted flow of pancake batter. A husband and wife volunteered to help us with a little more decorating of the area where the service members would be receiving their prepackaged hot breakfast. We had a great time working and fellowshiping together and went home about 8:30 pm to get some rest.

On Christmas morning we turned the ovens and griddles on at 3 am and started cooking around 4 am. Our kitchen volunteers started arriving a little after 5 am. By that time we were in full swing. By **9:30 am we had made and delivered over 400 meals**.

The meals were delivered with an individual condiment bag (fruit, flatware, syrup, butter) but also **included a Christmas card and a Gospel tract**. One of the definite blessings this year was the opportunity to provide meals to service members who were in pre-deployment isolation. The LORD enabled us to set up a table for the food distribution. We also put **Bibles, New Testaments, and good literature there for them** to have. The service members **took full advantage of the free Bibles and literature**.

This is just some snippets of what happened as we prepared for and executed the privilege of serving others and investing in their lives.

We have prayerfully and carefully tried to be obedient to the Biblical command to plant the Seed of the Word of God. **Now the Seed has been planted**. May God bring forth fruit in His time.



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I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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