



C.A.M.O. MINISTRY

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

Supporting Spiritual Resiliency throughout Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

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Greetings Pastor and praying friends,

Our ministry has some similarities to the Apostle Paul. Both were very active and diverse in their outreach. The Apostle Paul did hit roadblocks at times which caused him to be flexible in where and to whom he preached. At one point he was in the jail in Philippi and the audience was prisoners and Roman soldiers. While we have not been jailed for our preaching, we have seen our primary mission field be closed as of March 22 to retirees of which I am one.

It has always been our desire to minister to whomever God would bring across our path. In fact, many folks in the area have asked us as missionaries "To whom do you minister to?" Our response has always been "to the military members first without neglecting those God brings across our path."



On March 18 our local church in person services were suspended. After my wife and I attended our church's live social media broadcast, I was privileged to meet with a former Marine that God had brought across our path. After a short time he realized that his most pressing need was a Savior. He openly prayed and **asked Jesus to be his Savior**. We have been discipling him on an almost daily basis for since then. He is working his way through a discipleship book and has been faithful to church with us. The idea of baptism was brought up by him in a session we had. That opened the door for a very open discussion about the Biblical purpose of baptism and its impact on our lives. It has been great to see him grow. Please continue to pray for him in this time.

On March 19 I went visiting among my contacts on the base. They were all shutting down operations and sending members home to self isolate/quarantine. They said they would be closed for at least two weeks. A few days later the base was closed to all but essential personnel.

The flexibility in our ministry has opened the door for us to be able to reach out intentionally to our community and neighbors. We are now developing closer relationships by meeting the physical and emotional needs of many. It is still our desire to proactively minister to the military on the base. But God has another plan for us at

this time. He has put many retired and former military members across our path which has added to our focus and redirected our attention until further notice.

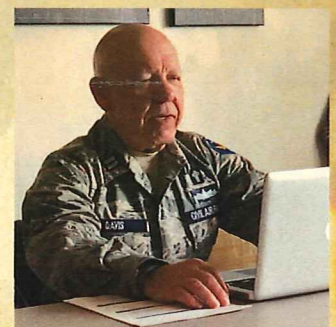
The spiritual battle is very real and the warfare is taking its toll. In this time of distress we have seen a significant and notable increase on the base in the number of alcohol related incidents, domestic issues, and the emotional stress on the military members and their families. In person care and investment has shrunk to now be almost non-existent. It is our understanding that at this base all emotional care is conducted via telephone or some video media platform making people feel even more isolated. Please pray with us that the Base Commander, Colonel Gigliotti, will have wisdom as she considers the timing to **reopen the base and allow care givers in person access through out to those in need.**

Prayer requests

Our Nation and all those in leadership
Pastors and churches across our nation as persecution is becoming more specific
For our base to open up for us to have access
For the military members and their families in this time of extreme stress and spiritual warfare

Praises

New and different opportunities to share the gospel and invest in others
God is still on the throne
Several units are actively trying to get us access to the base



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Jesus Christ, the same yesterday,
and to day, and for ever.
Hebrews 13:8

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