



MILITARY MINISTRY

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*Missionaries to the Military
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Dear Praying Friends and Family:

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What a year! In a world filled with unknowns and uncertainties, we know we can trust in the Lord! Thank you for your fervent prayers for Christine’s recovery, for my brother Luke’s transplant surgery, and most recently, for Christine’s dad and his recovery from a major stroke.

Christine has mostly recovered from her surgery at the end of June. She is still dealing with a few subsequent complications, but is doing well overall. My youngest brother, Luke, had his kidney transplant in mid-November. One of our cousins tested as a match for Luke and selflessly donated her kidney. We are so very grateful for her gracious gift of life! Luke & family stayed in our home until the doctors released him to go home on December 15th. Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for complete recovery both Luke and our cousin. Luke needs constant prayer as he will have virtually no immune system for the next few months due to anti-rejection drugs.

The same night that I had planned to drive Luke to the Seattle hospital for his transplant, we received a call that Christy’s dad, Tom, had suffered a major stroke. One of my deacons and his family stepped in to help my brother so Christy and I could drive all night to northern Idaho. I thank the Lord for my home church family. My father-in-law's initial prognosis was uncertain, until doctors determined the cause of the stroke. A previously undetected heart attack had damaged his heart which subsequently caused his stroke. In brief, after a only a few weeks, Tom was out of the hospital and back home. As of today, Christmas Day, he has been released to “normal activity” by his physical therapist and has almost completely recovered. God has mercifully and miraculously answered prayer!

2022 has probably been the most challenging we have faced in the past two decades. The military chaplain and I continue working together to prepare curriculum, classes, policies and procedures for the new facility but we are still facing significant resistance. The new Northwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility officially opened December 1st, but we will not get the first inmates until early January. At this point, it appears that in spite of military chaplain support and my 19 year tenure at the facility, I will essentially have to rebuild our ministry from the ground up. Please continue to pray that the facility commander will see the need to issue appointment orders. Without a “staff chaplain” appointment, my activity within the facility could be significantly limited to “volunteer” activity.

Semi-annual revival services continue at the two Fort Leavenworth military prisons with our most recent held the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. We rejoice to report **five** men made professions of faith in the Lord, including one military police member! We have also been working with the Navy chaplain at Naval Brig Miramar to schedule our first revival services there since the inception of COVID. The Naval command in southern California still has many restrictions in place, so please pray we will be able to reestablish a regular revival service schedule there.

Lordwilling, Christine and I will return home in the next few days to prepare for work in the new military prison. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support. We pray you had a **Merry Christmas** & have a blessed **New Year in 2023!**

In HIS Service,

Lance & Christine Hohenstreet
~Your Missionaries to the Military and Military Prisons~

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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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