



Our Field Report

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Dear Praying Friends,

While having daily devotions yesterday, I read, *"For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,"* Hebrews 6:13

If God could promise (swear) by no greater than Himself, then there is no one or nothing greater than God. Then comes the question, does the universe have boundaries? The answer is YES, it does, no matter what scientists may think. There is nothing greater or bigger than God. He can hold the universe in His hand, yet take upon Himself a body, become a man, live on earth, die for our sins and save us, while simultaneously never losing control of anything. Amazing, isn't it?

Our family is well. Betsy's health is good, mine the same. Our daughter *Amy*, her husband, *David*, and their daughter, *Elizabeth*, will be transferring to Langley Air Force Base in August, which will move them about 2,200 miles closer! We can't wait! *Laurel*, her husband, *Rob*, and their children, *Jenna* and *Ethan*, continue to be a delight and blessing. Our son, *David*, is working in the area also, and we thank the Lord that our family will be close together for the first time in many years.

In my work with MTM, I am visiting supporting

churches and Bible colleges, looking for those who may want to serve the Lord in military ministry. We had to cut back on our visits due to the recession, but are planning to pick up our schedule in the fall and spring.

Interestingly, the Lord has brought me back into contact with several men with whom I served in the Marines, but had not heard from in many years. It was a privilege to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with these courageous, faithful men whom I knew so long ago. There have been a bunch of opportunities like this in the last several months. In fact, on a slightly different note, one of my supporting pastors recently wrote me and said that a missionary to Ukraine had been in his church and met a Ukrainian Sailor who had adopted a son and named him John Sargent. He asked me if I knew either the missionary or the sailor, and I did not - but it would be unusual for a Ukrainian to name their child after an American. I came to the conclusion that there must have been another "John Sargent" in Ukraine besides me, because I could not understand why anyone would want to name their child after me!

We are planning a trip to help Sasha next summer (2011), with teaching English at his summer camps at his dacha (summer house), and perhaps on the Black Sea. He is doing well, as is his family and helpers. The Lord continues to use them to get the Gospel out to the

Ukrainian and Russian military forces in that part of the world. Pray for them as the government in Ukraine is closely aligning itself with Moscow and moving back toward the old days of the Soviet Union revived.

We thank all of you who pray for us and give, so that not only can we serve the Lord through Missions to Military, but also on behalf of *Sasha and Larisa, Peter and Olga*, whom we support through your gifts as well. Is missions a bargain? Perhaps when you get three missionary families for the price of one, it is!

Finally, I would ask you to **pray about the sale of our Mayport Military Christian Center.**

No one has come forward to take the directorship there, and our leaders have decided to put the property up for sale. We are still looking for a director there, and at Fayetteville for the Fort Bragg ministry as well. Could you be someone the Lord is looking for to serve Him in one of those locations? **Please consider and pray about that.**

God bless you, dear friends, and thanks again for all you do. May the Lord richly bless you.

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