



All Points Baptist Mission
Military Chaplaincy
"For God and Country"



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Darkness – the absence of Light:

As a young Marine, I was sent to Twenty-Nine Palms, CA to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center for training in my MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) which was telephone switchboard repair. My first school was a basic electronics course, then after completion I served as a GA (Graduate Assistant) until my next school started on phones and switchboards. The instructors were excellent occasionally trying to infuse some humor into the teaching. One specific memory is of a class on the fundamentals of power and EMF (Electro Motive Force). The instructor in a lighter moment, was telling us "light bulbs do not emit light, light bulbs absorb darkness particles". For a moment, it made one think until we realized the instructor was having a little fun with us. My heart is consumed with the realization that many of the nearly two and a half million men and women serving in our military are living in darkness. Some are well educated, some not so much. Some come from broken homes, some enjoyed the foundation of a strong family growing up. They come from nearly every conceivable religious, geopolitical, financial, social background and landscape. Regardless of upbringing, many in our military are living in darkness. Some have been ravaged by tragedies in the family unit; the bondage of sin worries the mind and troubles the spirit; the horrors of war and the difficulty of loneliness from family separation; the evil inducing darkness from alcohol, drugs, and promiscuous living trap many in our military with feelings of hopelessness and helplessness. Whatever the case, thousands upon thousands of the men and women of our military which sacrifice to purchase our freedom, preserve life, and protect our nation, are living in darkness. Man is born in darkness from the plague of sin passed down from Adam (Rom. 5:12). You might say that man just naturally absorbs darkness. That is why God has called us to this ministry. To emit the light of our Lord Jesus Christ for He is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Our chaplains with compassion take the glorious light of the gospel of Christ to all in our military in darkness.

God has greatly blessed this ministry with several new applications for the chaplaincy and increasing interest among Independent Baptist Churches and Bible Colleges across America. Would you pray with us that God would continue to send us young men with the call of God to be U.S. Military Chaplains? The darkness is great, but the Light of Christ is infinitely greater. Pray also with us that God would set our military aflame with the glorious Light found only in Christ Jesus our Lord. Without the light of Christ, there is nothing but void and darkness. Please pray!

Road riches:

The past few months have found us on the road almost continuously. The blessings of providence have been manifested not only in God's protection over many thousands of miles, but in witnessing the movement of the Holy Spirit of God in the lives of souls. In the last three months, we've preached missions conferences in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee as well as revival meetings and camp meetings in West Virginia and Missouri. We've witnessed souls saved and one young man, an eleven-year-old son of the Pastor, surrender to the mission field. We've had the privilege of working at Crown College of the Bible in Tennessee and Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In these colleges, we have opportunity to talk with many of the students and meet faculty, staff and administrators with whom we get to share our ministry and the great need for Bible preaching chaplains in our military.

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