



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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Dear pastor and friends,

As many of you know, we've spent years reaching out to military men and women here and around the world—most in person, many through something as simple (and powerful) as a Bible verse text message. It might seem small, but as one Marine recently reminded us, **God can use even a text at the "wrong" time to reach a heart at the right time.**

Here's a short message we received. (shared with permission):

"You may not remember me, and that's ok. Years ago I attended a service while I was in the military and you asked if I'd like to receive Bible verses. I agreed—partly out of kindness and partly to stay barely connected to faith. At one point they got annoying... mostly because they'd show up right when I was drifting and sinning. But somehow, even when I changed numbers, I started getting them again. It felt like God refused to give up on me through your texts. I just started reading the Bible again, and I wanted to thank you for not giving up on me."



When I read that, I had to share it with Ellen and now with you all. You never know what God is doing behind the scenes, or behind the screen.

So often, ministry feels like sending messages into the void—texts that go unread, prayers that seem unanswered, seeds that take their sweet time sprouting. But then someone like this Marine writes, and you remember: God's Word never returns void... even if it's delivered at 2 a.m. by an automated text.

We share this story to say *thank you*. Thank you for supporting us, praying for us, and believing in this ministry, even when the fruit takes years to show. Every dollar, every prayer, every note of encouragement keeps us going. And every once in a while, we get a message like this that reminds us why we do what we do.



God at Work

On **Saturday, October 4th**, something truly special happened. While Arlan officiated at a Navy retirement ceremony, a man Arlan knows, who works with another guy (his former boss), said, Do you remember *(so and so)?*, you sure did a number on him.

Arlan was quick to say, **"It wasn't me—it was God."** But the man looked right at him and said, *"Well, God used you."*

After almost 2 years of talking to him about his need of salvation, he received Christ as his Savior and within 3 weeks transferred out. Now years later we get this kind of an update.

Moments like that remind us how God moves through simple obedience. Arlan might've just seen a conversation, but God saw eternity at work. That's the kind of moment that makes every early morning and long day worth it!

Christmas Day Pancake Breakfast Coming Up!

It's almost time for the **12th Annual Christmas Day Pancake Breakfast**—one of our favorite ministry traditions! It's a chance to bless military families with food, fellowship, and faith (in that order). Ellen's once again leading the **Egg Department**, which is our polite way of saying "please pray for her sanity." Last year she personally cracked over 400 eggs and only cried twice—record low!

Praises:

- Arlan graduated from a job specific training class at the Navy Chaplain School

Prayer Requests:

- Strength for Ellen and the Christmas Day Pancake Breakfast crew
- Continued open doors among service members and their families

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O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
Psalm 34:3



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