

CAND 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,



I know you all don't usually hear from me, but I just wanted to reach out to you with an end of the year update.

First. God has been so good to us. He not only has supplied our needs but has heaped out shovels of blessings. What a good God we serve.

Second. We rejoice in the heavenly healing of my Mother. What a blessing it was for the both of us to have her live with us in her last days.

Third. I want to praise the Lord for His power to heal me physically. I'm almost recovered from my bone spur removal surgery and ankle sprain. To say the least it has been a long year. Your prayers on my behalf have been felt and answered.

Enough about me. I thought I would take the opportunity to tell you about the Christmas Day Pancake breakfast and how things work. This year's Christmas Breakfast was relatively hiccup free. Starting Christmas Eve afternoon a group of volunteers cracked 65 dozen eggs and readied the pancake mix. Arlan and I arrived at 4:30 am after confirming that our volunteers could access the base. All 24 volunteers arrived healthy at their appointed time plus four unexpected members of the base leadership. Working like a well oiled machine, by 7 AM meal delivery had begun. By 8 AM everything had been reset and prepared for the

three hour dine in portion of the breakfast. As the volunteers completed their part they graciously departed to spend time with their loved ones. By 1:30 pm, Arlan and I had departed the building for a long winter's nap. I know this looks neat and clean but it took us 10 years to get it that way. As we finish up with thank you notes to our volunteers our thoughts immediately turn to the coming year's Christmas breakfast. As to date for the 2024 breakfast we have already had a review meeting and have a schedule for this year. It takes us a full 12 months to plan and execute a well run breakfast in fulfillment of 1Corinthians 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Remembering in addition to the breakfast, we are invited guests. Anything we do for our troops is subject to the powers that be on the base. We have been truly blessed as it pertains to that. Arlan has been working directly with several Navy Units for a good long while now and for the last 3 or so years has added Marine Corps units to his list of places he has been invited to minister on a weekly basis. Added to his weekly visits are other events such as changes of command, retirements, promotions, counseling, weddings, funerals and the list goes on. Within the past few months the Coast Guard and the USAF Expeditionary Center have been added to his already busy schedule. Praise the Lord for how He is building the ministry.

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Arlan & Ellen Davis

Bless the LORD, O my soul:

And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And forget not all his benefits:

Psalm 103:1,2





