

The Armor Bearer



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“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” ~I Corinthians 15:55-58

Dear Pastors, AFBM Family and Friends,

We would like to start by thanking you for your faithful support to our shared ministry. The Lord uses each of you for His glory and honor as we reach out to our military heroes. I cannot remember a more fruitful time to share with you. It seems like in these hard times of war and uncertainty, we allow the Lord to be strongest in our lives. Our missionaries continue to report of how our Lord is saving our heroes from eternity in hell. Each of you are storing rewards to lay at your Savior's feet.

Dr. Wayne Giles meets his Savior

It is with great sorrow that I report the home-going of my dear friend Dr. Wayne Giles. On September 4, Dr. Giles took his last breath on earth and his first in Heaven.



Dr. Giles, a retired Army Chief Warrant Officer and Vietnam veteran, had spent the last six months battling throat cancer. After successful surgery for cancer. He developed pneumonia

and his lungs began to fail. He fought courageously and was an example to all. He died among those he loved, his dear family and a hospital full of veterans.

Dr. Giles served as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA as well as our Associate Missionary Leader. His service with AFBM dates back to the earliest days of our agency.



He had pictures of himself handing out tracts as a young soldier in downtown Newport News. He never forgot what the Lord did for

him and made his life about sharing and teaching the gospel. I am confident, upon arrival in heaven, he met with many military men and women which he led to a loving Savior. Due to his faithfulness, he leaves behind many more veterans he led to the Lord that will fall in with him one day.

He leaves behind a loving wife Sharon, four children, grandchildren and scores of friends. He was 66 years old.

AFBM 45th Annual FamilyWeek/ Candidate School

In August our AFBM Board and missionaries on deputation came to Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake. Our board met to review missionary support and policies as well as approve new missionaries for our ministry.



At Candidate School we had Dr. John O'Malley our AFBM Board of Reference member as our featured speaker.

Our mission was to help missionaries, along with sending churches, to get to their God called mission fields. We even had a ladies shopping trip to allow them a chance to relax (see picture).

We helped with DVDs, prayer cards, raising support, church lists, correspondence, displays, proper dress,

sermon preparation, and preaching.

We spent hours speaking of biblical qualifications for the ministry and being married and raising children on the mission field.

We were excited to find our new missionaries focused on the Lord. Their zeal was contagious. Though we hoped to share our zeal and excitement we found we gained as much as we gave.

Please join us in prayer as we seek more laborers. It is our goal to have an independent Baptist church outside of every base around the world.

The Bible for our Heroes



Last year, our friends at Ambassador Baptist College contacted me about a project they had begun called the Althea Project. The goal was to provide the Bible (King James Version) to every language group in the world online. I challenged them to prayerfully consider posting it in English for our military heroes. They agreed and we are now advertising in the Stars and Stripes.

It is our prayer to run more advertisements; however, we need additional funds. If your church would like to help run an advertisement for the Thanksgiving or Christmas issues please let us know. As a soldier who has lived overseas, I can tell you these holidays are the hardest to be away from home. I believe there is no greater gift than to give our heroes the Word of our Lord. Every run costs a little less than a thousand dollars to run in the Asian/combat zones.

Mission Possible

In our last prayer letter we introduced you to the Kohr

family. They had undertaken a church rescue in Havelock, NC. Though the ministry has taken off, the building was an eye sore. Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake, AFBM's home church, sent a mission team. After four days, 13 men, and three thousand dollars, it feels like you're at church.



However while working on the building, they realized the roof was bad. Unfortunately, they need seventeen thousand dollars to repair it. If your church can help in any way please let us know. Every little amount will make a difference.

Thank You for Your Faithfulness!

We cannot thank you enough for your faithfulness and love for our military heroes. Each of you are very special and we pray for you regularly.

On behalf of our AFBM Missions Family, may the Lord bless your faithfulness.

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