



Trivial Pursuit

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. 1 Corinth. 1:27-30 NIV.

We are all familiar with the powerful, dominant characters in the Bible like Abraham, Moses, King David, Isaiah, and the apostles Peter and Paul. But have you ever noticed how often God accomplishes great things through the inconspicuous men and women often found in the background of history? So often the heroes and heroines of the faith were assisted by what many call the minor characters who made important connections. Abraham had his allies in rescuing Lot; David had Nathan the prophet; Peter had his brother Andrew; Paul had numerous “yokefellows”; and of course, Jesus chose 12 apostles to take the Gospel into all the world.

For over 47 years the AMEN Military Ministry has relied upon a vast network of Key Men and Women working behind the scenes to build up our military Christians. God has demonstrated time and again how much can be achieved through a simple, grassroots effort of spreading the Gospel. This ministry is a heart-to-heart connection between our military Christians and the local churches outside the gate, or among military congregations in deployed locations. We must never underestimate the impact of what some would consider the trivial efforts of those unnamed disciples. There is great success for those who care for and show hospitality to the saints as the apostle John lauds in 3 John 8.

For the past five decades AMEN had faithful men and women who opened their homes and their hearts to those serving in uniform around the world. (cont.) →

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WELCOME KEY MAN

Ocean Springs Church of Christ

Ocean Springs, MS serving Keesler AFB.

Jerry Merriman Great Falls Church of Christ,
Great Falls, MT serving Great Falls AFB.



FAITH & TRANSITION

The next course will use the book *God's Word for Warriors* beginning Tuesday, Oct 17th at 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom on-line.

Dr. Tom Seals, former Chaplain to Military Students at David Lipscomb University, developed the course, which has been taught to thousands of veterans at colleges and churches since 2016 with lifechanging impact.

“Dr. Seals created a safe environment where we discussed tough topics that only veterans would understand...*The God's Word for Warriors* course opened my eyes to issues I was struggling with in my life.” -- veteran Army Specialist

This is a tremendous outreach ministry to your military community.

The six-week class is open to Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve members, veterans, and their spouses. There is no fee for the class. Students must purchase their own book and student guide.

Contact AMEN to purchase the GFWF book and to register and receive Zoom link.

ON THE LOOKOUT




If you have photos of past Euro-American Retreats at Berchtesgaden please Email pics (jpeg or GIF) to AMEN.

Trivial Pursuit (cont.)

From my personal experience I was led to Christ by Christians serving at Karamursel Turkey through the home Bible studies and fellowship we enjoyed daily. It was the finest experience of hospitality that created the spirit of family, so important to those us stationed 5,000 miles from home.

Traveling around I hear other stories where lives have been impacted by Key Men and Women reaching out to younger or new Christians recently arrived at their duty station. To this day Cold War veterans have told me how much AMEN helped them during their active-duty days. I've seen it in the faces of young recruits in Basic Training at Fort Jackson or Fort Sill who rely upon mature Christians for the worship services which bring a bit of respite to the stresses of boot camp. Lifelong friendships and wonderful memories have been made through the relationships built among Key Men and Women and military Christians.

The work of AMEN is dedicated to **Building the Love of God in the Heart of the Warrior!** Just as it was in the first century under the Apostles, we look for Christians who have a heart for our military brethren and the attitude of unconditional love expressed in service. Our Key Men and Women are a living example of the power of God to change lives for those in uniform. --Dennis


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Key News

Joint Base Marianas, Guam – My wife Joanna and I are privileged to serve as missionaries to Guam. We try to be the “family” our young Christian military men and women do not otherwise have this far away from home.

Hosting a weekly dinner and Bible study, offering ears to listen to them, shoulders for them to cry on, sharing a little bits of wisdom (hopefully) to help them navigate difficult issues, providing rides to and from the airport and a place to stay when the need arises (and it does)—as well as any other needs they have that we can fill—are all a large part of our efforts here.



Our proudest moments are when they help us in evangelism efforts, just because they want to. We are tremendously blessed to be even a tiny part of their lives and we love them dearly. --Wade Phillips

West Point, New York – God brought a great group of young men and women to USMA this year. Please pray for these Plebes as they find their place at USMA and in the Kingdom. –Maj. Ryan Scott, OIC

Carlee Casteel	Bentonville, AR
Lawton High	Nashville, TN
Reagan Lawson	Valdosta, GA
Makenzie Lehman	Oklahoma City, OK
Lauren Levendoski	Umatilla, FL
Luke Maddry	San Antonio, TX
Lauren Martin	Onward, IN
Zachary Murphy	Germantown, TN
Angelina Park	Horsham, PA
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