



President Bush visited Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii the end of November. While his motorcade was enroute an eight-year veteran police officer, who was escorting the motorcade, crashed his motorcycle on the rain-soaked road. The officer suffered a severed artery in one of his legs, which then had to be amputated. Several days later he died. He is survived by his wife and four children under the age of seven.

A couple of months earlier Navy Chaplain Johnny Cometa was involved in a house blessing for one of his sailors. This officer who died was a neighbor of the family having their home blessed and had attended the ceremony. During the ceremony Johnny emphasized that the people who live in the house need to have a right relationship with God. After a brief gospel presentation, he led those attending in a sinner's prayer. Following the house blessing the police officer came to Johnny and said, "Chaplain, I prayed with you. I've never witnessed a house dedication before. I am glad I came." Pray for our chaplains as God places them in strategic places to share the gospel and pray for those who hear that they will respond. — **Allen Russell Director of Chaplaincy**



Chaplains in all ministries have the wonderful opportunity to share the "presence" of Jesus to those with whom they come in contact. Not only chaplains get to share their faith; many others do also. Here is a picture of a cake served to our troops in Iraq at Christmas telling the "Good News of the Presence". Even the cooks get an opportunity to present the Cross. The verse reads, "she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt 1:21). Pray for our Chaplains in Iraq and Afghanistan and for their families at home.

One of our chaplains who should make it home just in time for Christmas is **Lyn Brown**. Lyn is finishing his second tour of Iraq. He serves in the Army Reserves and is the librarian at Bethel East. He recently had the opportunity to baptize five men from the Kansas Army National Guard who were getting ready to return home and who wanted to be baptized in Iraq.





Tim and Tasha Crawley – Army. Tim recently graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Ankeny, IA. Tim will be attending the Chaplain Officer Basic Course at Fort Jackson, SC in January and then will report to his first assignment at Fort Stewart, GA. They have three young daughters. Tim has pastored Bible Churches in West Virginia. Both Tim and Tasha came to Christ as young children and they are looking forward to a ministry with the Army. Pray for their family as they train and adjust to military life.

Terry and Lisa Richards – Army. Terry is a graduate of the Southern California Bible College and Seminary and has completed the Chaplain Officer Basic Course. He has been in the Chaplain Candidate Program and was told he did not meet the educational requirements for Chaplaincy. He has been involved with a Christian School in Florida for the past several years and was called by the Army to say they have now accepted his educational training. He is awaiting an assignment. Pray for Terry, Lisa and their three children as they begin a ministry with the Army.



Prayer Needs!

- ✿ **Gary and Lois Taylor** – their son Jonathan, a college senior at Cedarville College, OH suffered a heart attack this past August and is now in a permanent vegetative state. He is in a Nursing Home and only a miracle will pull him through. Gary is pastor of the CB church in Morrisville, PA and an Army National Guard Chaplain. Pray for this family.
- ✿ **Pray for our hospital and prison chaplains** as they minister to many lonely people during this time of year. Pray especially for our **Nursing Home Chaplains**. Did you know that about 50% of all nursing home residents have some form of dementia and 36% do not recognize staff that routinely cares for them on a daily basis? Are you aware that the average length of time a resident will stay in a nursing home is 870 days, or 2 1/2 years? Furthermore, there are approximately 750,000 nursing home residents who will be dropped off at the facility by a loved one and whom they will never see again. It is no wonder 31% of all nursing home residents exhibit anxious behavior, and 30% act sad or depressed. Our chaplains have a great opportunity to share the love of Christ as they visit residents. Keep them in your prayers.