

# THE KITCHEN FAMILY

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Dear fellow laborers in Christ,

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We had a very unusual start to 2026. Many of you may have heard that we were US for an extended period of time after coming back for a death in the family. My wife and I were cleared to return but Amelia was not cleared to return because of a problem with her passport. We were able to get that resolved and all three of us made it back to Germany in the middle of February. Though we were not in Germany with Grace Baptist Church, our time in the states proved to be very busy and profitable. The Lord allowed us to minister to a few churches that did not have a pastor in place. We could not have anticipated how much of a blessing this was. There was even one lady in a church in Duncan Oklahoma who received Christ during one of the services that we attended. At the same time, in Germany, several of the men in our church were able to fill the pulpit and handle the operations of the ministry in our absence. Two souls were saved in our absence as a result of the goodness of God and the faithfulness of His people. To God be the glory! Also in our absence, our church was privileged to have Bro. Jamie and Mrs. Vicki Jett for a few weeks in order to help fill the pulpit. We were able to arrive before they left and had a great time with them in Germany. They were a tremendous blessing to our church family and to my family!

Since being back, we have been boots on the ground trying to catch up with people who are new to us and us to them. We have also been preparing for the Lord's Supper during the month of March by teaching and preaching on the significance and position that the Scripture holds us to at Grace Baptist Church. It is always a challenging season at our church due to the great diversity of religious influences the majority of our people have been exposed to. We observed the Lord's supper on March 31<sup>st</sup> and it was a sweet time for our church family.

One of the greatest challenges of a military ministry is the constant rotation of people and families. After over five years of being in military churches, I don't believe that we have become immune to the challenges emotionally, personally and ministerially. We have the great privilege to build relationships with some of the greatest people we have ever met, all the while knowing that they will leave sometime in the near future. The blessing of it is that we have family all over the world because of those relationships and because of where they go after being here. Within the next three months we will be losing over 30 people from our church family who are moving on to their next assignments. This group includes a few families who have been with us from the very beginning of our time here and who carry large responsibilities within the ministry here. This is going to cause us to make some adjustments in several areas. Through all of it we can surely see how God has been orchestrating and providing exactly who this church needs to continue the work that He started several years ago. In this we can have confidence and hope in His faithfulness to build His church. We desire to be obedient and faithful to Him even when these seasons come. Please pray as we navigate through these next several months and continue to minister to our men and women in uniform.

We have seen God do many great things and including growing us in the process. Thank you for your friendship, prayers, and financial support towards our family. We couldn't be here doing what God has called us to do without your sacrifice and help. What God does here will be fruit to your account! We love you!



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