



China Lake Baptist Church

"A Going Church for a Coming Savior"

Dear Pastor,

Greetings from the China Lake Baptist Church in Ridgecrest, California. The purpose of this letter is to recommend to you the ministry of Bill and Heather Lavender. The Lavenders are missionaries to the military serving with Baptist International Missions, Inc. They are sent out from our church here in Ridgecrest.

Bill has over twenty years of local church ministry experience both as a faithful worker and an ordained minister. Bill has served as a Sunday School Bus Captain, an Associate Pastor, Congregational Song Leader, Sunday School teacher, Bus Director, and in pulpit supply work while a student in Bible College and seminary, as well as during his own military service in the United States Army. Heather has served faithfully in local churches in the nursery, Sunday School, choir, and Vacation Bible Schools.

We believe the Lavenders know what it takes to reach our military, as Bro. Bill served in the US Army for more than 20 years and retired as an Army Major. The Lord has called the Lavenders to the work of reaching our military service members and their families with the gospel of Christ.

They are currently planting the Liberty Baptist Church in El Paso, Texas, to reach US Army service members and their families for Christ who are stationed at Fort Bliss. Prior to the current COVID lockdowns, the Lord blessed the Lavender's efforts with five faithful families in the new church plant. They were able to lead many more to Christ and saw three people follow the Lord in baptism there at Liberty Baptist Church.

Would you please consider praying for the Lavenders and having them in your church to present their work? Please also pray about supporting their work financially as your missionaries to the US military. I believe by praying for and supporting the Lavenders, you will be investing in fruit that will abound to your account.

Sincerely,

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