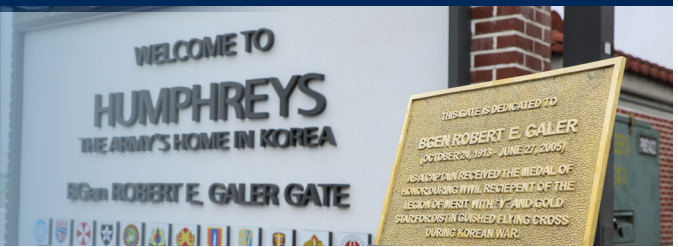


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MIKE MARTIN · CAMP HUMPHREYS, SOUTH KOREA



Dear friends,

I wanted to send you an update to share about people in my current ministry and also remind you all that there is a “remnant” of believing men and women who’ve returned back to the U.S. after their duty on the Korean peninsula who are still “running the race with endurance.”



Alex (left) and Shay (right)

Alex is still here in Korea (for a short while yet), and we meet weekly. Alex is a history buff and loves recounting to us his studies in world and U.S. history. It won't be surprising if he ends up teaching history somewhere (if the students will tolerate his dad jokes). He has memorized more verses than anyone I've served thus far and never misses our weekly meetings.

Shay is back in Kansas and meets regularly with a couple who is discipling him, Frank and Ruth Ann Branham. He was so spiritually hungry when he was here. We only met for three months late in his tour, but he was always scribbling down notes and asking questions. I recently asked him what he was reading and he produced a short stack of three or four books, the first of which was RC Sproul's *The Holiness of God*. I'm sure Frank and Ruth Ann are enjoying having him in their house.



James P is pictured here with his children, and while we do not meet for a regular Bible study yet (not for his lack of interest but for logistical reasons), when we have coffee together our times are lengthy. We met for almost seven hours during our first meeting—and I had only one refill of coffee! He would appreciate prayer as he navigates the complexities and challenges of raising his children solo here.



Austin (pictured with his bride Kalene and daughter Lauralene) was at Camp Casey in 2015, then again at Camp Humphreys. He's always shown maturity in his role as an NCO and is now steeped in theology studies through Liberty University. He is currently stationed in El Paso and has many opportunities to exercise his roles as a Soldier, husband, and father.



Roger and Glenda (pictured with me at a local café) are relocating to Pennsylvania, where Roger will be the principal at another Christian school (as he was here). He's retired from the military and a seminary graduate, so he added rich input to our Sunday chapel study. They would appreciate your prayers as they close out their ministry here and relocate to continue providing mature Christian leadership at their next ministry.



Justin (pictured with Samantha and his four children) was with me at Camp Casey, and my enduring memory of him is his servant's heart. In every photo I have of him, he is serving others—giving a gift to a disabled child, playing with kids at an orphanage, pouring drinks at a party for children, and even sitting cross-legged in the airport at an odd angle as he napped so that his wife could rest her feet on his boots. Justin is a light to others as an officer at Fort Huachuca and is vigorous in his roles as husband and father, bragging generously about his bride, Samantha, and their joint duties in discipling their children.



Simeon (pictured with Regina) was here at Humphreys, and we met early after my relocation south in 2018. I don't recall that he ever missed a chance to get together weekly as we went through *The Truth Project*, biblical apologetics, and other texts. I cannot drive past the small tree he'd wait by—our meeting point—without remembering him. His gratitude was generous, not just in words but in providing me with gifts that made life a bit easier! He gave me an Alexa AI tower (which has become very useful, especially for podcasts), sneakers, jeans, and lots of analgesic creams for this old mortal coil. Simeon is taking online seminary classes now, but his greatest education is growing as a husband and father. I am grateful he has the Jolin family (Cadence staff) and a solid church as his support at Fort Cavazos.



Micah (pictured with wife Megan and children) and I have been meeting since I returned from my last visit stateside. All this time, he and Megan have been opening their home for weekly Bible studies (and succulent meals!). Almost weekly, Micah tells me of having “conversations that count” between himself and his co-workers. He serves the youth in our chapel on Sundays and always yearns to improve at that task. His wife told me last evening how proud she is of the strides he has made since taking his role as a spiritual leader in their household seriously. I'm grateful that they are here for another year.

I thank each one who receives this letter—for your faithful support in both your prayers and finances over the years! You have allowed me to serve this community where spiritual resources are not as plentiful as elsewhere. There are others I could write about, but these are the folks I connect with regularly, and I thought it necessary for you to see how your investment here creates ripples beyond this pond on the peninsula.

With much gratitude and love,

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