



Glorifying God, Serving Airmen, Pursuing Excellence

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Fathers and Brothers,

It has been an amazing year of ministry here in England! As the chaplain assigned to the Maintenance Group, I have been kept very busy. Our Maintenance Group is tasked with providing aerial refueling for the entirety of Europe and has the highest consistent operational tempo of any Maintenance squadron I've seen in the Air Force. My counseling schedule is filled to overflowing. Please pray for our maintainers and their families. The counseling issues that manifest themselves the most are: marital difficulties, stress/exhaustion, and depression. Please pray that God would give me "words in season" and help me care for "bruised weeds and smoldering wicks."

I continue to lead the Protestant Parish. We have over 300 at our weekly worship service and approximately 80 children per week attending our Religious Education program (children's church). Additionally we have ten vibrant ministries and nine contractors that I supervise to conduct the weekly ministry needs. Please pray that the Lord would grant wisdom, patience, and energy and that as we sow the seed of the Gospel and Kingdom that He would bring those seeds to harvest in His time.

Pray also for the family. Summer is doing well and has been able to plug in with all of the ladies' ministries. Grady (16), Owen (14), and Murray (8) are having a blast! They are all involved in a myriad of activities and ministries. We have had some amazing, once in a lifetime, travel opportunities. We have visited Paris (toured the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, the Arch De Triumph, and Notre Dame) Whales (hiked to the top of Mt. Snowdon, the highest peak in Whales), Germany (for the European Basketball Tournament), Venice (Grand Canal Cruise, St. Mark's Plaza, Bridge of Sighs, Rialto Bridge, Doge's Palace), and Rome (the Colosseum, Pantheon, Spanish Steps, Forum, and St. Peter's Basilica) this year alone! Grady is starting for the varsity basketball team, and is a Flight Commander in Junior ROTC. Owen is excelling in homeschool and AWANAs where he received the Meritorious Award. Murray is making many friends in the neighborhood and enjoying the new trampoline in our back yard!

For the Covenant and the Crown,

Joey and Family