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## CH (CPT) Lenny Siems

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Dear Faithful Brothers of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery:

I have been in Germany now for just over one year and Colleen & I continue to love it here! My job as the Battalion Chaplain of the 44rd Signal Battalion, located in beautiful northern Bavaria has been going extremely well. The unit I am presently with is a Signal Battalion. They provide all aspects of communications, from phones to Internet to Video Conferencing. In addition to my work here in Grafenwöhr, I have also visited with teams who have been sent to various places in Germany as well as visiting Soldiers in Turkey and Poland. Over the past year I have conducted marriage retreats, suicide prevention trainings and have seen many soldiers and families for counseling sessions. I also do lots of visitation and spend much time hanging out with and talking to Soldiers. In spite of the distances, God has graciously allowed me to develop relationships with many of the Soldiers, and His work in their lives is evident. The ministry has been tremendous and I'm looking forward to more of God's faithful blessings in the year to come. In June of this year I was notified that I made the promotion list to the rank of Major. What a blessing from God to know that He wants me to continue in this very challenging ministry. Because of my promotion I will be moving to a new job (Brigade Chaplain) and a new Army Post. In January of 2014 I will be the Brigade Chaplin for the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade located in Ansbach, Germany. I will be supervising 6 Battalion Chaplains and mentoring and helping them to make a difference in the lives of their Soldiers. I am excited about this new challenge that God has provided, and Colleen is looking forward to getting to know and spend time with the wives of these Chaplains as well!

## **Prayer Requests:**

- 1. Pray that I would continue to grow as a Chaplain and that I will be a powerful witness for Christ in my new Brigade.
- 2. Pray for the many Soldiers that make up the Battalion in which I now serve. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through me to reach many Soldiers for Christ.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I will forward my new address in January.