



# The Peacekeepers

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## TIM'S SERVICE

by Tim "K9" Kunzweiler, President

Buddy, can you spare some prayer? There's a reason why I'm starting off this way. The request is real and I'm asking for your prayer for several issues at this time.

The first request is associated with family. Sheila, my wife, has recently accepted a call to the office of Evangelist and was ordained during the Camp Bountiful Reunion at the end of June. She is joy-filled at the prospects associated with this new calling. At the same time, as you might imagine, along with the joys come some concerns about new challenges. The blessing I ask is your prayer for peace in the heart of this new minister of blessing!

Second, would you lift up the needs of the farmer? June and early July have been rough across wide regions where crops are grown in the U.S. and perhaps also elsewhere in our world. These crops sustain people and livestock. The blessing sought is for enough rain to preserve the yield so that hungry mouths may be fed.

Third, would you please lift up the preparations associated with the Church's upcoming Peace Colloquy? This year's colloquy focuses on the call to engage in peace and justice with the theme being "Peacemaking: Engaging Nuclear Questions." The Peacekeepers have been asked to offer a workshop on some aspect of the theme during this year's gathering. We have begun discussions with the directors and are working



toward supporting the event. As you may best understand, from a military perspective, there are a number of pros and cons to be considered in what is always a difficult decision—the employment of weapons. We ask your prayers for wisdom and discernment as we prepare to offer information and, no doubt, to receive difficult questions.

Each of these requests is at the heart of discipleship. You have been the focus of many of our prayers—including for your own protection and your wisdom as you stand at the forefront of active peace-making. We face different issues back here—but the need for wisdom is just as real.

Case in point: I spoke this morning on the theme of "Proclaim the Good News." Over two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ (God With Us) taught his disciples the *Good News* and sent them off, in pairs, to share this knowledge in the regions round about Galilee. Scriptural evidence is that some people accepted this Gospel and some, with their God-given agency, rejected the message outright. Through all the ages since, the choice has remained the same: whether to honor the God of Creation or to remain self-serving. Some people, despite the best urging, still choose to honor their own selfish or wicked designs. As long as that remains the case there IS a struggle and peace is not universally possible. Good and evil must continue to collide until such time as the final victory has been declared. We pray that it may come in our own day. It will surely come, just as God has promised. May we continue to honor the author of peace by our service to a world in need.

**The Community of Christ Association for Ministry to Military Personnel is dedicated to bringing ministry to Community of Christ members serving on active duty world-wide.**

In Christ ó Victory! May God bless all Peacekeepers.

Tim öK9ö Kunzweiler, President.

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## Curt's Column

by Curt Heaviland

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It's late in June and our weather here in Independence has been hot and dry. I planted a tomato plant in my back yard and have been watering on a regular basis but it has chosen not to live. Today we are receiving moisture in the form of light rain. We were supposed to have had thunderstorms during the night, but being almost deaf I couldn't tell you if we got them or not. We did get some rain though as everything was wet this morning.

As I look around our country I see many things that disturb me. The west is being devastated by fire in the mountains. The upper Midwest is being ravaged by floods where they are not used to heavy rains. Here in the Midwest we have been having unusually dry weather. The wheat in Kansas is being harvested which is early, the peach crop in Missouri is ripe and ready for picking. I could go on but you get the idea.

Everywhere we get news we find unrest and people revolting against their government. In most cases it is easy to understand why as you see the conditions under which they live. As I see the streets filled with people protesting, I wonder what it is doing to their economy.

Surely, the Lord cannot be pleased with those he has placed here on this earth. To me, and I'm not a pessimist, it would indicate that we are entering the last days as have been foretold in the scriptures. The more I see, the greater need we have for Jesus Christ to be among us.

I find it refreshing when I can go to church and meet with people who are looking for Him to have an active part in their lives. To see love rather than displeasure with each other, to see willingness to help rather than go your own way, this can go on and on but we see the influence that Christ has on our lives.

You, who are in the far flung places of the world have the opportunity to carry this feeling to those who have not. Christ has given you the tools to work with but it is up to you individually to see that they are used. May the Lord bless you in your efforts and keep you safe from harm.

GOD BLESS,

Curt

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## Kid's Stuff

by Mary Yocum

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Five month old Ian spent an overnight with his Winsor Grandma and Grandpa, and Great Grandmother. Great Grandmother has Alzheimer's and isn't always sure just whose baby Ian is, but she remembers what to do with babies. She isn't always sure whether that wet spot was made by the baby or herself, but she doesn't mind changing both of them.

She went to take a shower (during Ian's overnight) and Grandma Sue gave her a green shower cap. After her shower she went to pick up Ian ó he took one look at her green head and screamed. Sue yanked the shower cap off and Ian settled right down. I guess he didn't like Gram's green hair.

I was feeding Ian the other day and he started to choke ó he's a bit of a glutton. My Grandfather, Father, and I have always said the same thing at such times ó "Did you find a bone in your milk?"

Ian replied (or so it seemed) with a "huh-hö". Those of you who are old enough to remember Tim Allen's television show "Tool Time" know exactly what that sounded like. I never expected it from a baby though and haven't heard it since then.

Sometimes I think that's our answer to God's little directives. I know I'm often confused, perplexed, baffled and befuddled. It must be my listening that is at fault though ó God always answers prayer ó in His own way and His own time.

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## Quote Corner

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- ❖ Please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am.                      ö Warren J. Keating

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## Renewed with Awe

by Lu Mountenay of Independence

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*Listen carefully to the many testimonies of those around the world who have been led into the fellowship of the Community of Christ. The richness of cultures, the poetry of language, and the breadth of human experience permit the gospel to be seen with new eyes and grasped with freshness of spirit. That gift has been given to you.*

ô Doctrine and Covenants 162: 4a

*Witness*

Heard the words, but  
didn't grasp the meaning.  
It was like a foreign language,  
not understood.  
Heard mumbling of a  
mouthful of marbles.  
The key words being  
filtered out and left forgotten,  
flattened on the floor.

But when he saw.  
He saw what enthused them,  
what filled them.  
Saw for himself the lives being lived.  
Then he knew it was  
how he wanted to live  
in community.  
It had nothing to do with words  
and everything to do with The Word.

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My sister, Anita, does not actively take part in a Community of Christ congregation. I took her to see the Temple when she came to town. As soon as she entered the foyer, even before she saw the Worshiper's Path or Sanctuary, she began to cry. She was sobbing, with tears rolling down her cheeks. She was overcome with the Spirit.

I'll never forget what she said, "Oh Lu, you told me, but I just couldn't know, I couldn't imagine." I don't remember what I had said about the Temple, but it was just words to her until she saw it for herself ô until she experienced it. What I had said just lay in the back of her mind until she accepted the invitation.

My other sister, Pam, was with us, too, and we all were renewed with awe at the spirit and purpose of the Temple. Thank you to all who had the vision to build that symbol of peace and that place of shalom.

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## From "Print News Today"

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### Caring for the warrior's soul

by Senior Airman Alexandria Mosness  
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6/1/2012 **BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS)** The chaplain gave the cross he brought from home to the young Marine from Florida who was injured. The Marine, who was engaged to a girl in Jacksonville, Fla., had been injured in a roadside bomb explosion and lost the cross that was on his body armor. When the chaplain presented the cross to the youthful Marine, both men cried.



This was Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brian Bohlman's first experience as the night-shift chaplain at Craig Joint-Theater Hospital here approximately six months ago.

The chaplain would experience these types of scenarios and more throughout his time at CJTH, one of the largest and best-equipped trauma facilities in Afghanistan.

Anytime a trauma patient comes in to the hospital, the chaplain's pager goes, he said.

“Our role in the trauma room is to introduce ourselves, and we tell them we are praying for them,” said Bohlman, who is deployed from the 169th Fighter Wing at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, S.C. “We will also follow them while they are in the hospital.”

The chaplain doesn't only deal with trauma, but also makes hospital visits to patients who are stable.

“The chaplain's assistance and I generally see about 15 people a night,” Bohlman said. “I always ask them their hometown.”

Caring for people is nothing new for the 20-year Air Force veteran.

Bohlman always had a strong internal call to serve, he said. He didn't meet the requirements to serve as a chaplain, so he came into the military in 1992 as a chaplain's assistant. After serving four years on active duty and a year in the Reserve, he earned a commission through the Air Force Chaplain Candidate Program.

“Our mission is to care for the warrior's soul,” Bohlman said. “There are three functions we do: one is nurturing the living, two is caring for the wounded and three is honoring the dead. On this deployment, I've done all three, but I definitely prefer the first.”

The rosy-cheeked chaplain carries a small green book from his left breast pocket. Though, the book is not worth more than a couple of dollars, this book holds a much deeper meaning.

Every injured military member Bohlman has come in contact with resides in this green book. Their name, rank and service are typed on a name tag in the book, but what makes the pages special are the notes he has written about each individual.

“I try and write a little bit about everyone I meet,” he said.

There are particular service members who have stories that have stuck with Bohlman – the Army quadruple amputee, the suicide victims and those who didn’t make it.

“In April, we had a lot of traumas,” he said with sadness. “At one point there were four patients in the trauma room, and I looked down and realized there was a lot of blood on floor. I still have those stains on my boots. I thought about the sacrifice and how our job can be dirty one. I just thought about how they truly left their mark on me.”

After his first week at the hospital, Bohlman told the staff that he can pray and chew gum at the same time, meaning he could help out if it was needed.

“I was taking temperatures, putting on the blood pressure cuff and getting warm blankets,” he said.

“Chaplain Bohlman has been great,” said Maj. (Dr.) Micah Schmidt, an emergency room physician. “He participates in all the traumas. He is very helpful. It is not expected, but it’s nice. Just the other night, he helped me change the dressing on a gunshot wound.”

It’s not just the patients the chaplain watches after, but also the staff members who work at the hospital.

“We’re here to listen to their stories,” Bohlman said. “A lot of times, the staff will compartmentalize what they deal with. You can have an enemy prisoner of war and the Soldier who was injured by the enemy POW, but you have to give the same exact care. They have to keep their feelings and emotions out of it.”

The chaplain is always asking the staff about their well-being.

“I usually ask if they’ve talked to their family lately,” he said. “Are you taking the time to exercise? How are you processing what you are seeing? My goal is to build resilient Airmen. I tell them I’m here regardless of their faith or denomination. My job is to provide care for their soul.”

A lot of times, they just need someone to talk to, he said.

“They have seen a lot but the way they deal with it is in knowing that many would die if they weren’t here,” he said. “They see the big picture. It helps them during difficult days to pull through.”

While this is the chaplain’s fifth deployment overseas, losing people never gets easier, he said.

Bohlman said he will always have a place in his heart for the military members he has lost throughout the years.

“At the end of the sermons I give, I have a slideshow of the service members I’ve worked with who have died, and I always tell my congregation, ‘these are the faces of freedom!’” he exclaimed.

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