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“11/11”

Ingalls Update

Sharing the gospel and our lives with the military community

Dear Friends,

The headlines read “11/11,” indicating the date on which the national memorial service was held for our fallen soldiers and civilian workers who were recently killed by the deranged soldier shouting in Arabic, “Allah, live forever!” before opening fire on his fellow servicemen and women at Fort Hood, Texas. It is a story so macabre that it begs belief. Yet it is true. Our nation’s war against an evil regime committed to nothing short of the obliteration of our very way of life and existence continues, regardless of what the popular, political pundits may be currently spinning. ***Please continue to pray for our troops who are our frontline in this battle.***

A question that I’ve repeatedly pondered since this terrorist assault is, “Did any of those 13 men and women know the Savior?” This is the burden of Linda’s and my heart, the compelling drive that urges us onward to our future ministry at Fort Riley, Kansas. This is what prompts me to write you once more, to ask for your help and prayers one more time. These precious people are willing to pay the ultimate price, if necessary, to preserve our freedom and security, our rights to unimpeded speech and religious practice. And yet most of them have no idea where they would spend eternity should that cost be required of them in the defense of our nation. Our love for them compels us to go.



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Larry and his “Road Warrior”

Progress Report

I have recently returned from my last of numerous road trips across the States in our quest to raise up our team of prayer and financial supporters so we can start this new Hospitality House at Fort Riley. My ever reliable Toyota has clicked over 20,000 miles so far in this pursuit. Many of you are now part of our team, locking arms with us for the soldiers and families at Fort Riley. Thank you so much!

But we are not quite at our goal yet. Ironically, the amount of support still needed so we can be released to go is also “11/11.” Our remaining needs are...

- **\$1,100 in monthly support, and**
- **\$11,000 in Ministry Start-up Funds.**

We have recently received some very generous gifts toward our Ministry Start-up Fund. Our initial amount of \$25,000 seemed like Mount Everest when we started. And we’ve also recently had a GMC SUV donated to our new ministry, a much-needed vehicle. Then, another supporter has given us a 17-foot training sail boat to use in our outreach events. Yep, that’s right. I’m going to teach soldiers how to be sailors. (This ought to elicit some humorous quips

from all our navy friends.) And both of these items were only on my “Way Out There, Big Dreaming, Wish List.” Yet the Lord has provided them. God is so gracious.

Linda and I—by faith—have placed our house on the market (yes, in December) in hopes of selling it by the end of the month, so we can be ready to make the move to Kansas. *Please pray with us toward this goal.*

Finally, would you please prayerfully consider joining our support team? I know that many of you are contemplating this but have not yet decided. A few days ago I received yet another unsolicited phone call from a chaplain at Fort Riley who had heard we were coming. As we talked, his words were haunting: “The need is so great. When will you get here?” I hated having to tell him, “We are praying for January, but I just don’t know.” Would you help us make that a definitive, “We’re on our way!”

Together for the Gospel,

Larry, for the Ingalls