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Freedom Outreach-A Ministry to the Military

MINISTRIES IN THE U.S.A.

IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST A BUILDING...

Freedom Outreach International (FOI) exists to create connections. It's all about connecting in ways that change lives, gives hope and transforms culture. No one person or organization can do that by themselves. It takes people of faith willing to journey & grow together. They must be individually connected to God as the source and object of their faith but willing to grow and learn from each other. They know every person is created in the image of God and has a reason for being on this earth. They are committed to helping each other discover, develop and employ their giftedness to change our world.

Military people and families can be exceptionally good at connecting with others. Training and difficult life environments have taught them the value of pulling together for survival and for task accomplishment. FOI seeks to help them connect in ways that transform.

The desire is to have a worldwide network of military ministries that will track and support the U.S. Forces member from basic training, through technical school, to overseas and stateside assignments, in war zones and ultimately to his/her retirement or separation from military service and beyond. To accomplish this:

- We will plant churches
- We will start on-base fellowship groups
- We will develop strategic partners among existing churches.

This network provides preparation and support to those returning from an overseas assignment by introducing to them a missional congregation wherever they go.

OUR MISSION

Connecting military, veterans and their communities with a missional Christian family.

OUR VISION

To reach and connect military, veterans and their families with a *Cornelius style* ministry (Acts 10:2,24,35) to transcend culture and transform lives.

OUR CORE VALUES

The Ministry to the Military exists to establish and maintain *caring* New Testament fellowships, in *cooperation* with like-minded groups, to reach *all people* for Christ and to *train lay leaders* for service.



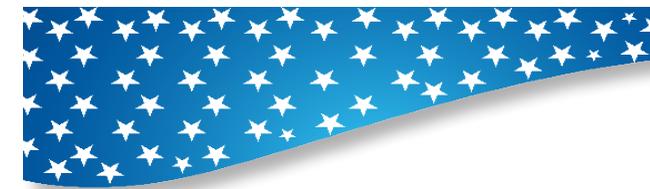
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What is
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WHAT IS FREEDOM OUTREACH MINISTRY TO THE MILITARY?

Freedom Outreach recognizes the persons involved with the armed forces as being worthy of the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ. These individuals are often taken out of reach of the traditional ministries of evangelism, discipleship and support provided by the local church back home. The *Ministry To The Military* engages in taking the church to those who have been taken from the church by providing ministries to them while assigned overseas.

Pentecostal worship is a form of worship not always available through the chapel on base or post and often not available on the local economy in an overseas assignment. In many of these overseas locations, *Ministry To The Military* has “Centers” (sometimes called Servicemen’s Centers/ Christian Centers) that provide Spirit filled, Pentecostal worship for the service member and his/her family. These are located in Europe, the Far East, and Puerto Rico. Military members of all nationalities

and religious affiliations are supported by the ministry and are a welcome member of the military support community. These ministries encompass all of the ethnic variations in the military congregations of Black, Hispanic, Asian and Anglo groups.

Every Christian Military Center, is uniquely designed for the community where they are located. They may be a converted warehouse or office building or colocated in a civilian church in the local community. The Center Director and family may live in the building or nearby. The feel of extended family and home atmosphere military members experience in this setting helps them to cope in stressful times of an overseas assignment.

A Center Director and his family serves as “missionaries” ministering to the military members, as well as, veterans, expatriates, and local nationals in the area. They often

serve at great personal sacrifice and must raise their annual budget much like a traditional missionary overseas would. Their “living by faith” is truly admirable and inspiring!

Centers provide military members and the community with family support activities, Pentecostal worship, as well as social and emotional support. Activities within a Center often include those normally found in a local church back home to include worship, Bible Study, discipleship training, praise and worship, baptisms, children’s & youth ministries, baby dedications, marriages, evangelism efforts, benevolence ministries and an extensive offering of ways to connect in fellowship.

During these overseas assignments, the Center becomes like an extended family and helps them to grow in their Christian walk, or often introduces them to Christ and the Christian family for the first time. Often away from home for the first time, and in a foreign land, the Center family is a valuable support system.

MILITARY MINISTRY CENTERS often have:

- Pastoral & Family Guidance
- Youth & Teen Ministries
- Children’s Ministries
- Retreats & Conferences
- Place of Refuge for Abused Spouses & Children
- Outreach to veterans & families
- Singles Outreaches
- Social & Recreational Programs
- Discipleship & Leadership Training
- Benevolence Ministries

