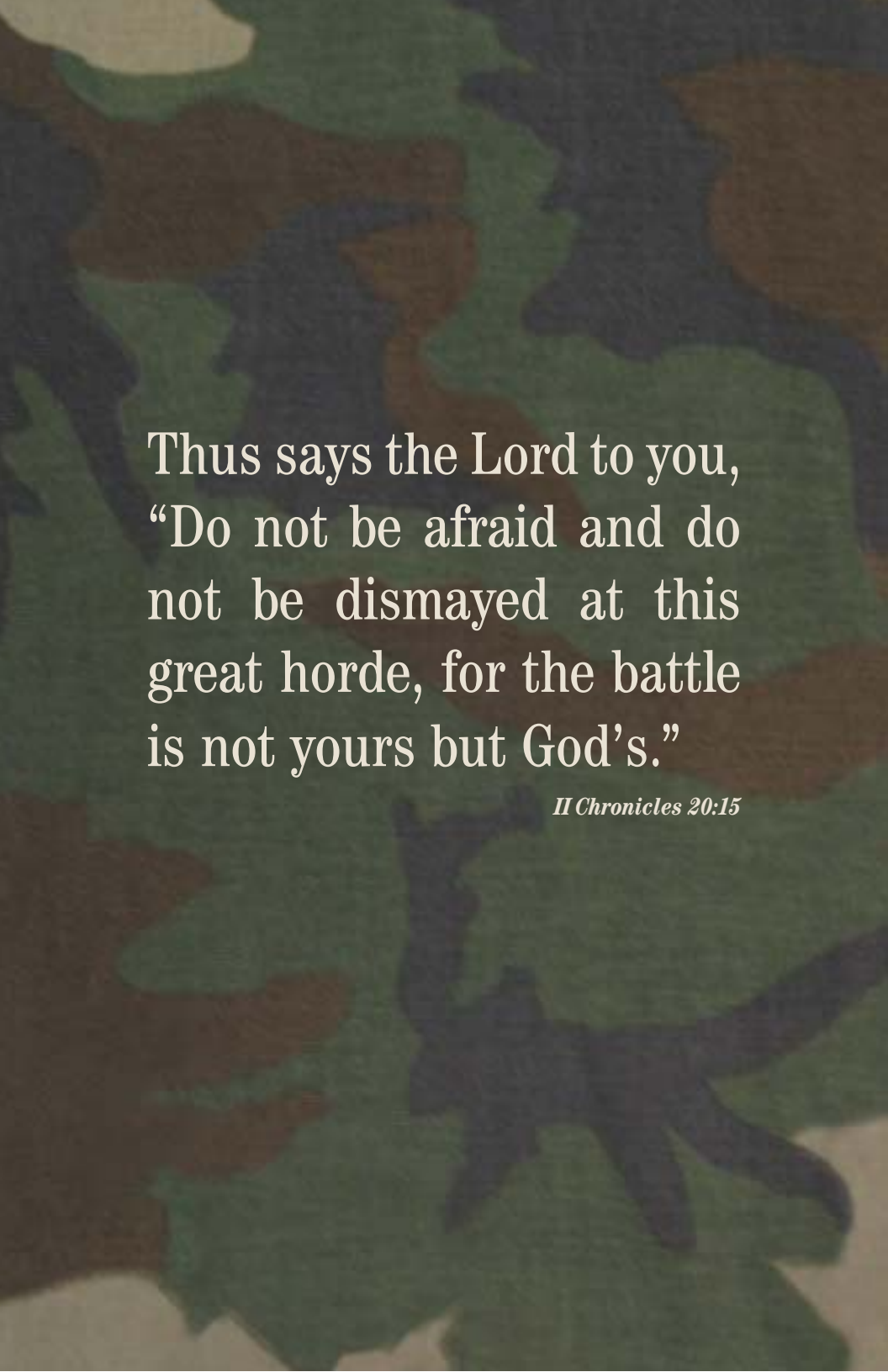


THE TESTIMONIES
of a
FEW GODLY MEN

NEW
TESTAMENT

MISSION
TO NORTH
AMERICA



Thus says the Lord to you,
“Do not be afraid and do
not be dismayed at this
great horde, for the battle
is not yours but God’s.”

II Chronicles 20:15

Proudly Serving God and Country

Giving counsel and comfort. Offering spiritual nourishment. Leading people to Jesus Christ. This is the ministry of PCA chaplains. They are trained and ordained like PCA pastors, but instead of leading churches, they work daily with their “flock.” On maneuvers. Aboard ships. Overseas, under dangerous conditions. In short, wherever the military goes, chaplains are there.

As a result, chaplains have opportunities to build relationships that change lives. Standing beside men and women as they face fear and hardship, they’re available to share the Gospel at the most critical times.

MNA Chaplain Ministries is dedicated to these strategically positioned ministers. In addition to providing official endorsement procedures for PCA chaplains, we give them guidance and spiritual counsel, enlist prayer and financial support from PCA congregations, serve as liaison with institutions, and recruit new chaplains.

This brochure focuses on a few of these godly men and includes not only military chaplains, but also civilian chaplains serving hospital patients and prisoners. We want to show you the remarkable value of their work to thousands of individuals, their families, and others whom chaplains serve around the world.

Chaplains fulfill three key purposes: they evangelize, pastor believers, and present a Christian world view. When you think about the condition of our culture today, the tremendous need for the ministry of chaplains is abundantly clear.

**DAVE PETERSON, MNA CHAPLAIN
MINISTRIES COORDINATOR**



The Army chaplaincy is an awesome thing. I'm convinced that God's grace restrains evil. Through biblical counsel and the declaration of the Word in this military culture, justice is maintained and the oppressed are freed.

**CHAPLAIN (CPT) THOMAS J. FAICHNEY,
US ARMY**

AN EXPERIENCED PASTOR, Tom Faichney did not become a chaplain until 2001 when health issues prevented him and his wife, Tina, from serving as overseas missionaries with Mission to the World (MTW). "I have long had a passion to serve in a Muslim land, and while we could no longer work with MTW, I was deployed to Pakistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom soon after I became a chaplain."

There in the desert, near the Afghanistan border, Tom was battalion chaplain, ministering to soldiers at a time when they were desperate for answers to spiritual questions. And that points up one of the most important distinctions of chaplain ministry. Serving side by side with fellow soldiers, they have daily openings for sharing God's Word.

Tom says, "It is tremendously rewarding to see the Gospel change lives as I serve as a chaplain."



WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG BOY IN HIS NATIVE KOREA, Tim Park became a Christian and, ever since, has held a deep debt of gratitude for the multitudes of Christian missionaries who served there. After graduating from seminary in Korea, he moved to the US in 1990 “to pay back this country for my salvation and that of my whole family.”

For nine years, Tim pastored in Korean Presbyterian churches in the US. After achieving American citizenship in 2001, he joined the US Army and became an active-duty chaplain in 2003.

He is dedicated to helping young soldiers and also Korean wives of

soldiers. Fervently patriotic, he considers it vitally important to preserve our nation’s Christian heritage. A favorite Scripture is from Psalm 2:8: “Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.”

I want to contribute to this country as a Gospel preacher in the Army because I became an heir of the Kingdom of Heaven through the sacrifices of many missionaries from the US who came to Korea.

CHAPLAIN (CPT) TIM, SEWOO, PARK, US ARMY

My chief objective is to be an ambassador for Christ and bear the message of God's love and forgiveness through faith in Christ. It is His grace that enables us to endure the hardships of military duty with joy. CDR CHRIS BENNETT, CHC, US NAVY

NAVY CHAPLAINS COVER ALL THE SEA SERVICES — Navy, Marine Corps, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard. So Chris Bennett has ministered in a wide variety of settings during his quarter-century career — on the sea, in the field, even in the center of government when he served as chaplain for the White House

Communications Agency and also the White House Military Office. He has led worship services under all kinds of conditions — in the desert with blazing temperatures of 130 degrees and on snow-packed mountain terrain at 30 below.

But his enthusiasm for the work never falters. “There is no greater thrill for me,” explains Chris, “than to lead an unbeliever to faith in Christ or to help a Christian grow spiritually.”

Wives of chaplains are important partners in ministry. The following comment from Chris's wife, Frankie, shows her commitment as well as her enthusiasm for the chaplaincy.

One of the best parts of being a chaplain's wife is the regular rotation to different places. It's always exciting to see what God has in store at each new site, and I find it strengthens my relationship not only with my husband, but also with the Lord because I've learned to depend on Him.

FRANKIE BENNETT



A great advantage of being a chaplain is that people come to me for counseling who would never see a pastor — and as I visit with service members at their work sites, day to day, I have the opportunity to build relationships.

CHAPLAIN BRENDON O'DOWD,
CAPTAIN, USAF

A COMMITTED CHRISTIAN WHEN HE ENTERED THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY in Colorado Springs, CO, Brendon O'Dowd became closely associated with The Navigators, whose members disciplined him throughout his years there. By the time he graduated, Brendon knew God was calling him to ministry, but before entering seminary, he was required to fulfill a five-year assignment with the military.

In 1998, he graduated from seminary and, two years later, once again became an active-duty officer in the Air Force, this time as a chaplain.



“My job is to provide a ministerial presence for the troops on a daily basis — to be there to answer questions about everything from theological issues to personal concerns. It’s especially gratifying to see people come to an understanding of the Gospel for the first time and also to see believers grow deeper in their faith.”



When people face serious illness, conversion to Christ is not uncommon and rededication is frequent. These are the most satisfying rewards of hospital chaplaincy.

PHIL BINNIE, CHAPLAIN, MIAMI VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, MIAMI, FL

IN HIS MINISTRY AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, Phil Binnie finds that affliction often brings out a desire to find meaning and purpose for life. He explains: “When people have their normal routine interrupted by unexpected illness — when circumstances get out of control and death is imminent,

questions arise regarding the fairness of life, and loss of hope is experienced.”

Often, that’s when people review their lives and come to see their situations as God sees them. Then, they’re more likely to allow Him to direct their lives. One of Phil’s favorite Scripture passages is Matthew 11:28-30. “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

BEFORE ANSWERING GOD’S CALL TO ENTER MINISTRY, Mike Higgins was active-duty military for eleven years as an artillery officer in the US Army. In the early 90s, he resigned his artillery commission, joined the reserves, and enrolled in Covenant Theological Seminary. After graduation, he received a commission as a reserve duty chaplain.

In 2003, when Mike was called to active duty with Forces Command at Fort MacPherson in Atlanta, GA, he maintained his responsibilities as senior pastor for Redemption Fellowship (PCA) in Fayetteville, GA, near Atlanta. Because, he says, “I love pastoring and I love soldiering,” he spent six days a

week at Fort MacPherson and still served his congregation faithfully.

Mike finds that the problems soldiers face never change, no matter the external conditions. It’s critical that chaplains are available for support and spiritual counsel.

As a chaplain, I’m called to pastor soldiers in times of peace and conflict, to ensure freedom of worship for all, and to conduct the unit commander’s religious support plan for enhancing morals and morale.

CHAPLAIN (LTC) MIKE HIGGINS, US ARMY RESERVES



When Mike Higgins, right, was called to active duty, he spent six days a week managing chaplain duties, and still maintained his responsibilities as senior pastor.



HUGH FOSHEE HAS SERVED IN HOSPITALS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES since 1990 as a civilian pastor. Currently serving as a chaplain for both a prison and a nursing home, he continually ministers to distinctly different groups of people — yet there is a common need among all.

For nursing home residents, he seeks to keep hope ever before them — to lead unbelievers to Christ and to help believers stay focused on Him. For prison inmates, the message of hope is equally vital — hope that they can change and be free of addiction to drugs, sex, stealing, and other degradation. “I help them understand that salvation is by grace, not works, and

that God’s love is available for them, not in response to anything they have done or will do, but because it is His nature and plan to love them.”

As I minister to two diverse populations of people facing stressful circumstances, I want to bring the presence of Christ and a sense of compassionate caring into each institution.

**HUGH FOSHEE, CHAPLAIN , CUMBERLAND COUNTY PRISON;
CLAREMONT NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER,
CARLISLE, PA**

IN HIS WORK AS A CIVILIAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN, Mike Stewart ministers to people dealing with life-changing health issues — everything from a diagnosis of terminal illness or miscarriage in pregnancy to loss of someone dear through accident or illness. “I think of myself as a disciple of Christ,

giving a cup of cold water in His name and for His glory.”

Typically, Mike starts his day at 7AM visiting with patients about to be wheeled into surgery. “Almost all patients,” he says, “are glad for someone to pray with them at such times.” And when those who have not received Christ face the possibility of death, they often become willing to place their faith in Him. “It is thrilling to me,” he says, “to be used by Christ to help individuals see their need to turn to Him for hope and courage.”



My job is to be Christ’s representative in the hospital where I serve patients, their loved ones, and employees who may be hurting not only physically, but also emotionally and spiritually.

CHAPLAIN MIKE STEWART, DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE, COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, COLUMBUS, GA

Advance God's Kingdom by Supporting MNA Chaplain Ministries

Our military chaplains are vital missionaries, at a great savings to the church, since their salaries are paid by the tax dollars of US citizens. The leadership and oversight provided by MNA Chaplain Ministries, however, is supported solely by designated gifts from churches and individuals.

What is the work of MNA Chaplain Ministries? Coordinator Dave Peterson and assistant coordinators Beryl Hubbard and Stan Beach recruit chaplains and endorse them for the PCA. They visit churches, attend missions conferences, call on commanders and supervisors, conduct chaplain interviews and training, and provide pastoral oversight and spiritual counsel to chaplains everywhere.

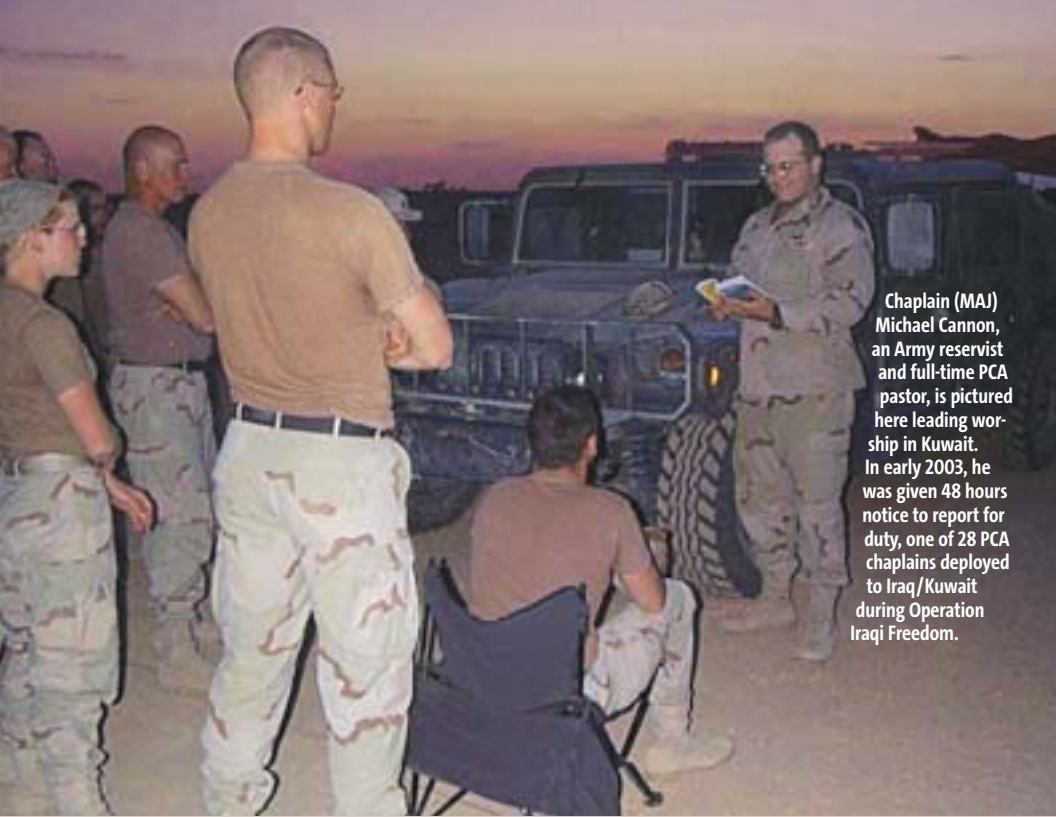
Currently, about 150 PCA chaplains serve in the military — active and reserve — as well as in Veterans Administration hospitals, retirement centers, prisons, and with the Civil Air Patrol. Often as volunteers, they serve in police and fire departments, businesses, and other settings.

Whether in the form of a one-time gift or an ongoing commitment, your support of MNA Chaplain Ministries will help advance God's Kingdom.

THE CHAPLAIN GUARDIAN CORPS

We invite you to join the Chaplain Guardian Corps, which involves a commitment to pray regularly for chaplains. Specifically, the Chaplain Guardian Corps seeks to have 120 people praying for each PCA chaplain (see Acts 1:12-15).

Members of the Chaplain Guardian Corps are also asked to make an annual gift of \$100 to MNA Chaplain Ministries, although it is not a requirement of membership. As a member, you'll receive regular updates of activities and quarterly issues of our prayer calendar.



Chaplain (MAJ) Michael Cannon, an Army reservist and full-time PCA pastor, is pictured here leading worship in Kuwait. In early 2003, he was given 48 hours notice to report for duty, one of 28 PCA chaplains deployed to Iraq/Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CALLING ALL VETERANS

If you're a veteran, consider joining the Veterans Guardian Corps, composed of former military personnel who agree to keep their congregations informed of the work of PCA chaplains and MNA Chaplain Ministries. Veterans Guardian Corps members also stay informed about men and women in their congregation who serve in the military in order to ensure that all are contacted by PCA chaplains or congregations wherever they may be stationed.

TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

No matter how you choose to support MNA Chaplain Ministries, we will be most grateful. To indicate your interest, please fill out the form provided at the end of the brochure and mail it to Mission to North America. You may also sign up at our Web site: <.pcanet.org/mna>; select **CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES** and click on **RESOURCES**.



Your participation in MNA Chaplain Ministries will help us in our efforts to recruit individuals for this important work, as well as to encourage those now in service. Through these chaplains, over the years, countless people in many parts of the world will be led to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



DAVE PETERSON, MNA CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

After 30 years as a chaplain in the US Army, Dave Peterson retired in 1995 with the rank of colonel and became MNA Chaplain Ministries Coordinator. During his distinguished military career, Dave completed two tours in Vietnam in the 60s and, in 1990, was assigned to the US Central Command, serving as Senior Military Chaplain during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

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of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

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Mission to North America (MNA) serves the churches and presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), providing leadership in church planting initiatives, as well as placement and training services for church planters in the US and Canada. In addition, MNA coordinates Chaplain Ministries, Church Vitality, Mercy Ministries and Disaster Response for the PCA in North America.



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