

Please Pray for *The Smiths*

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GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We just celebrated our 21st year of serving our military in the Tidewater Area of Virginia! Homecoming Day was November 2, and we rejoice in our heart how God has used His ministry to reach many military personnel in this area! By God's Amazing Grace and the prayers and sacrificial giving of God's people, we have been privileged to provide them with a home atmosphere away from home. This time has been filled with many blessings by being able to be here for them especially in their times of need. Thank you for the part you have been in this military ministry the Lord has called us to do. May the Lord continue to bless you above measure is our prayer. Please continue to pray for us as we begin a new year for the cause of Jesus Christ our Saviour with great Joy and excitement in Him.

The Psalmist said, "...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." We have seen the truthfulness of this over and over again as ships pull out on their seven to nine month deployments with moms, dads, sons or daughters on board. This was the "night" when the USS GEORGE H. W. Bush departed from Norfolk Naval Base with nearly 6000 Sailors on board for its nine month deployment on February 15th in defense of our country. Now after all of these long months the "morning" has come when the ship pulled back into port on November 15. Needless to say, we were excited to see Philip again after these long months of deployment. The attachment of pictures will attest to our happiness! We praise the Lord for His protection on them while no doubt they were at times in harm's way. On the back of this prayer letter is an article that was published on September 28, 2014 by ABC News!

The following is a portion of Philip's e-mail he sent during his deployment that we would like to share with you: *"Now that we are on the home stretch to coming back to the states, we couldn't be more excited and the squadron and I would like to thank you for all the wonderful care packages, prayers, treats and kind words sent our way. When anyone saw that a package came for me from Little Creek Baptist Church or anyone that I said I go to church with, they were ecstatic because they knew I would share as much as I possibly could with everyone. You all have, in more ways than one, boosted the moral of my shipmates and shown the love that God's people have for one another and what it means to be truly Christ-like. In Christ, Brother Philip."* It was our joy to be there for him and the others even though they were thousands of miles away at sea.

We saw Desiree leave with the USS Cole deployment back in August. She has e-mailed Mrs. Nora several times saying how very homesick she is and how she misses not only her husband of just a few months but also the fellowship of God's people at church. Mrs. Nora received an email from her this week and these are her words: *"Hello Mrs. Nora! How are you doing and Pastor Wade? I am doing well here, and we just got mail too! I got the care package, I was sorting all the mails when they came and I saw one of the box and it has Pastor Wade's name and address on it, as soon as I saw it I knew it's mine! Thank you so much Mrs. Nora. How's everybody doing at church? I hope they are doing well...I miss you all Mrs. Nora...Love, Des"*. Please continue to pray for Desiree that God would comfort her and keep her out of harm's way!

The last few months have seen our attendance up and down. This is due to many reasons such as: Military training and duty often keep some out of church; some are out of town on leave and as always Satan is fighting on an overtime basis. But in the midst of all of this, we can see the Lord working as some are growing stronger in their faith and their walk with the Lord. It is a joy for us to be a part of their lives and to be able to offer them the hope that only comes through the Lord Jesus Christ. We would again appreciate your prayers as we try to serve those who are serving us. May God Bless you for your faithfulness in helping us to be here for those who are wearing the uniform of our county.

THANKFUL TO BE IN HIS SERVICE,

Support Received: $\frac{100.00}{\text{October}}$ $\frac{100.00}{\text{November}}$ $\frac{100.00}{\text{December}}$

Wade + Nora
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USS George H. W. Bush Homecoming November 15, 2014



Re-united with Loved Ones



Happy Homecoming
Philip T. Nelson

Many Prayers Answered!

