

**Report Of The Chaplain Endorsing Agent  
To The Members Of  
The Chaplain Committee and Board of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation  
On The  
Status Of Chaplains and The Activities Of The Endorsing Agent  
September 4, 2007**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This report will update the status of our chaplains. It also includes any information I have regarding chaplain prospects and status of chaplain candidates.

**VISITS TO CHAPLAINS:**

None prior to the writing of this report

**When this report is made, I will have visited:**

Ralph Molyneux at Eglin AFB, Florida to be present for his retirement ceremony.

**\*Other travels, completed and anticipated during the coming year:**

1. Chile with the IAEC (International Association of Evangelical Chaplains) training team, 10-24 November.
2. A strong possibility has risen in the past few days that the IAEC team will be invited to Zambia, Africa to train chaplains and others in April 2008. This will be a dramatic breakthrough, if it happens. We met with a Zambian pastor within the last few days. He will be our POC for this training and feels that he will be able to get representatives from 8 neighboring countries to attend this 4 day (8 hours per day) training event. The first lady of Zambia and the Minister of Defense are friends and both are believers.
3. IAEC has also been invited to a CMA seminary in Peru to teach classes on the chaplaincy. This is now scheduled for May.
4. Three chaplains will be retiring next summer and I plan to attend all three retirements. The only firm date I have at this point is for Colonel Ken Townsend. That date is June 8. Also retiring will be Dayne Nix and Jack Galle.
5. Potential exists for a trip to Guam and Korea this spring to visit the Urbans and the Grahams.

**CHAPLAIN ROSTER:**

Attached is a chaplain roster with the most current information I have on each of our active duty, reserve and VA chaplain. All anticipated moves and changes of assignment have been duly noted and are current as of the writing of this report. As you can imagine this is an evolving document and experiences many updates during the year, all of which are forwarded to, Judi Rose, Larry, Bud Barger and Jerry Young.

**PROMOTION INFORMATION:**

Chaplain Mark Penfold has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and anticipates a "pin on" likely in the spring. The next promotion board that will consider any of our chaplains will meet this fall and will be the Lieutenant Colonel board. James Schaefer will be considered for promotion at that time

**CHAPLAIN CANDIDATES:**

**Scott Shaffer:**

Scott remains "pumped" about his commitment to prepare for the active duty chaplaincy. He will be entering his Middler year of Seminary this fall. I was able to have breakfast with him before leaving Equip '05 and am convinced that he is deeply committed and will make an excellent chaplain.

**Jeff Mason:**

Jeff has completed his seminary training and is now on staff at the Worthington GBC as an intern. He is preparing for ordination.

The following comments should be considered confidential.

Recent communication with Retired Chaplain, Ben Collins, who attends the Worthington GBC, and is a member of this board and the chaplain committee, has raised some red flags about Jeff's physical fitness and his weight as he prepares for active duty. Ben is also concerned about Jeff's motivation and has been attempting to mentor him. With Ben's agreement to continue to mentor Jeff, which will include his physical issues, will give me a window on the time at which I feel I can feel that Jeff is totally prepared for the demands of active duty. I have informed Jeff of this plan and that no endorsement will be issued until I am certain that he has gotten his weight at least 5 lbs under his maximum weight and that he can assure Ben and me that he will be able to pass PT tests. To be uncertain of these issues, and yet issue an endorsement, would not be an honest thing for me to do. It would also be a serious embarrassment to me, to Jeff and to the Fellowship, if Jeff were discharged from the Army for his inability to meet weight and physical conditioning standards. These are serious issues for active duty soldiers.

**Charles Pridgen:**

As of this date, I have issued an ecclesiastical endorsement for Charles that will accompany his application for active duty in the Air Force Chaplaincy. I talked with a member of the personnel office just today and did not receive encouragement or discouragement about Charles' chances of being called to AD. Charles has indicated that he would consider applying for the Army chaplaincy if he is not selected for the Air Force.

**James Murray:**

We invited James to attend Equip '07 and be introduced at the chaplains dinner. His lovely wife, Ashley, attended with him. I was also able to have breakfast with this dear couple before they departed from Winona Lake. James was on his way to airborne training at Fort Benning, GA. and had to leave early on Monday morning. James is an outstanding candidate and made a great impression on all of us. This couple will also be a wonderful addition to our chaplain team and family. James will complete his seminary training this coming academic year.

**CHAPLAIN UPDATES:**

**ARMY**

**Mark Penfold:**

As mentioned above, Mark will be promoted to Lt. Colonel this spring. He departed Fort Hood on or about August 1<sup>st</sup> for deployment to Iraq. Mark was sent to relieve an Aviation Brigade chaplain who was returning from Iraq. Mark will be deploying back to the US with this unit in late winter. Robyn is remaining in their home in Virginia and will join Mark when he returns from Iraq. Mark reports from Iraq that things are going well, that he is having a great ministry and that the creature comforts include an air conditioned trailer that he shares with the Brigade surgeon.

Matt is off to his first year of college and John has left the active duty Army.

**James Schaefer:**

James was transferred in June from Fort Lee, VA, to Fort Gillem (Atlanta), GA, to begin a new assignment as a chaplain recruiter. The Army has somewhere between 400 and 500 chaplain spaces that have not been filled in the Active Army, National Guard and Reserves. Recruiting is a very high priority and James is perfect for such an assignment. James and Elizabeth are settled in their new home in Atlanta and were both able to attend Equip '07. Gracie begins her Junior year at Grace College and Tommy is not an active duty Air Force Airman, specializing in computer programming. He is serving in Okinawa.

**Bill Graham:**

Bill reported to Korea in the spring of 2006. Robyn and the children joined him once school was out. They were initially assigned to the Seoul area where Billy travels over the country to visit Air Defense Artillery sites. The US 8<sup>th</sup> Army Headquarters is transitioning from the Seoul area to Teagu, about 70 miles south of Seoul. Many of the units that have had their headquarters are also in the process of moving. Bill's unit transferred its head quarters to Taegu last spring and, again, Robyn and the children joined him when the children finished the American school they were attending in Seoul. They have made a good transition to Korea and to this new location. Bill should be returning to the US in the summer of 2008 but I have no information on a projected assignment.

**Jeff Wirick:**

Jeff transitioned from Fort Drum, NY, after his return from Afghanistan in April, to Vilsek, Germany in July. Jeff moved without his family. I reported to the board at the last meeting that the marriage of Jeff and Stephany was in trouble and that the prospects were not good for reconciliation. I received the full support of the board to not take action to withdraw his endorsement if a divorce became final. Jeff informed me several months ago that the divorce was now final. I am very much hoping to visit him some time this coming year. I want Jeff to understand that a remarriage, when/if it happens will be the object of utmost concern by both me and the members of the board.

**NAVY:**

**Dayne Nix:**

Dayne was also able to join us for Equip'07. Linda did not join him. Dayne is planning retirement next summer and is unsure of his future. He is close to achieving his PhD and would like to teach. He continues to function as a planner/director of programs that help families when Naval and Marine personnel return from the war zones. It is a wonderful opportunity and Dayne enjoys it very much but he knows that his days as a Navy chaplain are coming to an end by the summer of 2008. His inability to make promotion to the rank of Captain in the Navy Chaplain Corps limits his assignment potential and he has decided that he needs to move on from Navy Chaplain ministry.

**Jack Galle:**

Jack also was able to attend Equip '07. Judy did not travel with him. Jack continues his great ministry to oncology patients at the Norfolk Naval Medical Center in Norfolk, VA. Jack is also continuing his pursuit of credentials that will help him to move on from the Navy to civilian hospital ministry. He will also be retiring this next summer (2008). His is a mandatory retirement at 20 years of active duty. By Department of Defense mandate, he cannot serve beyond 20 years since he was unable to make the rank of Commander.

**Lou Urban:**

Lou and Chong continue their ministry in Guam where Lou is ship's chaplain on a sub-tender (supply) ship and spends about half of his time at sea. He informed me recently that he is likely to be continued in this assignment for several months beyond his normal rotation (April 2008) which would have him moving in about the June/July time frame. He has been told that he will be sent to Korea to be the base chaplain for the small Naval contingent that is assigned there. Since Korea is Chong's native country, they are both excited about their next assignment.

#### **AIR FORCE:**

##### **Ralph Molyneux:**

Ralph, Angel and family were able to join us for Equip '07, which was Ralph's last National Conference as an active Air Force chaplain. Ralph received the well deserved recognition of being presented the Eagle Commission Eagle Trophy from a grateful Fellowship. Ralph and Angel received an emotional, prolonged standing ovation from those assembled for the evening service.

Larry and I attended his last service, which was a retirement event, on Sunday, September 8 at Eglin AFB, Florida.

Ralph is being considered for the position of senior pastor at one of our Grace Brethren churches. As of this writing, I do not think a call has yet to be officially extended.

##### **Ken Townsend:**

Ken and Vicky were also present for Equip '07. The Air Force Reserve has transferred Ken from his position as Individual Mobilization Augmentee at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs to a Reserve Staff and Faculty Position at the AF Chaplain School in Alabama. Ken remains in his new civilian position of Associate Regional Director for the Northwest Region of the Association of Christian Schools. Ken will retire from his long and distinguished career as an Air Force Chaplain on June 8 at the Reserve Air Force Base near San Bernardino, California.


#### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION:**

A new chaplain has joined the Veterans Administration chaplaincy. He is Mike Jones and is a member of the Seal Beach Grace Brethren Church.

#### **ANOTHER CHAPLAIN JOINS THE HONORED "HONOR ROLL" OF GBC CHAPLAINS:**

Recently, we were informed of the death of Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Lee Burris, U.S. Army retired. Lee was living with his wife, Lois, in Citrus Heights, California, at the time of his death. Lee had a long and distinguished career as an Army chaplain, which included two combat tours in Viet Nam.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**CHAPLAIN ROSTER**  
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2/Lt Jim Murray – Aiken SC—Columbia  
Columbia Seminary-ArmyCharles Pridgen – finished with Seminary-Air  
Force

## RETIRED GRACE BRETHREN CHAPLAINS

### HONOR ROLL (\*With the Lord):

\*Colonel Don Carter, US Army  
*Former Chaplain Endorsing Agent*

\*Colonel Orville Lorenz, US Army

\*Commander Lee Jenkins, US Navy  
*Former Chaplain Endorsing Agent*

\*Lieutenant Colonel Bill Schaffer, Civil Air Patrol

\*Chaplain Carlton Fuller, Veterans Administration & US Air Force

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