

MISSIONARIES TO THE US MILITARY

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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends: May 27, 2026

I trust that you are continuing to enjoy your Spring and the blessings of Christ. We are writing you to inform you of our missionary activities for the month of May.

This month we have experienced a small milestone in our missionary labors for Christ in El Paso. We have completed the *saturation evangelism phase* of our outreach efforts. The primary lesson that we have learned from this method is that it is largely ineffective in reaching people for Christ. All of the people who have visited or continued to attend our services were reached through door-to-door soulwinning and invitations through face-to-face contact. It has been reinforced in our hearts that the example that Jesus and the Apostles gave in the Bible, with regard to reaching people with the gospel, is the most effective method for reaching people, even in 2026.

Thank you for praying for Carlos and his recovery from his injury. He has now returned to limited duty with the El Paso Police Department. He works in their division that responds to reported calls relating to emotional and mental health concerns.

As we close Military Appreciation Month, we are reminded of the criticality of reaching servicemembers and their families with the gospel. Two recent news stories from Army Times underscore the failure of man's solutions, outside of Christ, to remedy the issues plaguing many hurting people in uniform and within their families.

- <https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-military/2026/04/15/suicide-rates-among-military-families-continue-to-climb/>
- <https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-military/2026/05/21/amid-rising-military-suicides-services-cant-tell-if-prevention-training-is-effective/>

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for Carlos to be baptized soon.
2. Pray for souls to be saved through our soulwinning efforts
3. Pray that Christ will grant us wisdom as we labor for Him
4. Pray for Christ's protection over us as serve Him in our location.

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