





# NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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## **HOCKEY & HOT WHEELS**

This July issue is dedicated to the children who are with their parents who are serving in an overseas appointment. This year, Captains Chris and Jessica Welch, who are stationed in Italy and have with them their 2 boys, Liam (8) and Rafaël (6), have been asked to share something of what life is like for them.

"Summer is upon us, and our sons are excited about being on vacation for three whole months! A delightful, endless time for parents begins!



<u>Liam Mateo</u> finished second grade. He is slowly discovering the joy of reading, is captivated by bugs, dinosaurs, and Legos. He loves looking at his encyclopedia to look at bone structures, muscles, and the details of how things work. He plays hockey 3 times a week and has competed dozens of times in the past year, growing to love this sport more and more. He is a gentle giant, generous and caring, full of ideas and with incredible discipline and dedication in making them happen.

Rafaël finished Kindergarten. He will be going to 1st grade in September. He loves, LOVES cars (Hot Wheels, thank you very much), planes, trains and anything with wheels. He is our little ray of sunshine, full of joy and life, constantly on the move. He loves to invent songs, cuddle with mommy, and both boys love wrestling with daddy on the couch. Rafaël also started hockey this spring...right now he mostly looks like a tiny ball of gear skating around. It's adorable.



Both boys are fluent in Italian and speak with the accent of the region and gesticulate like true little Italians.



During the pandemic Rafaël gave his heart to Jesus, and Liam had already done so before. We have beautiful conversations about faith and Jesus. We have talked to them about becoming Jr. Soldiers and they both want to do that. We will start lessons in September. Rafaël is a little evangelist, telling his school mates about Jesus who can help you feel happy again when things are not going so well. Liam lives up to his name by being a strong defender and wanting to protect people who are hurting. We have really fun conversations at dinner (ranging from silly to serious) and recently Liam asked which super power we would like to have. He then shared he's like to be able to tele transport because then he would go to Ukraine to help those who are hurting. We had not even been talking about it but it was on his mind and heart.

We thank God for our 2 miracles. They challenge us every day to become better parents and to exemplify what it means to grow in faith as we follow Jesus. It is a privilege to know we are prayed for by so many and to know you pray for our boys. We are grateful."

## TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED OVERSEAS, OR WOULD LIKE TO; SAVE THE DATE Tuesday, August 9th at 7:15 AM

We invite you to attend the 8th Annual International Service Fellowship Breakfast during the Bible Conference at Lake Junaluska. If you are attending the conference, or living in the area, think about joining us. Please reserve your place by contacting Evelyn Repass.



### **MISSIONARY TRIVIA**

When did Captains Chris & Jessica Welch go to serve in Italy? PRAYER CONCERNS: More than here, folks are struggling with situations brought on by the war in Ukraine, as well as Covid-19, that deal with limitations in ministry and loss of income. After you pray, why not drop the persons prayed for a line, or send an email of encouragement and blessing.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

MAJORS ALAN & MARY GONZALEZ - SPAIN have returned and taken an appointment as Corps Officers in Greenwood, SC. Pray for them in this transition as they readjust to life here, and for the ministry they leave behind in Spain. You can check in with them on Facebook, and assure them of your prayers. Alan.marype22@gmail.com

COLONELS STEVE & WENDY MORRIS - JAPAN as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. After months of waiting, they have finally been able to go to Japan and take up "in person" their appointments. Colonel Wendy has regular postings on Facebook sharing their "adventures". It is well worth checking out as she explains not only a lot of what is happening in the Army, but gives insight to many of the traditions and customs of the people. Also beautiful photos are always included. All of this will guide you in your prayers for them.

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CAPTAINS CHRISTOPHER & JESSICA WELCH - ITALY: along with sons, Raphaël Zane (6) and Liam Matteo (8). Corps Officers of the Torre Pellice Corps, Italy with added responsibility as Youth Coordinators for the Command. If you have not already done so, read the article on the front page. They have a long summer ahead of them and ask that we pray that Liam will be able to catch up on some school things and be at peace, and that Rafaël will stay safe! Pray for them to grow in their young faith and become men after God's own heart.

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MAJORS DIETER & BARBARA ZIMMERER - SPAIN: are Corps Officers of the Denia Corps and Directors of Camp Saron Conference Center. Praise God that things are going very well. Their daughter Christina (23 in July) had her church wedding on May 28th to a wonderful young man, whom God brought there as a volunteer several years ago. Prayers for them and for the camp season are much appreciated. They all will be returning here at the end of summer. Pray for them in this transition.

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We would like to recommend also that you pray, from time to time, for those other who are serving out of the Territory; not on "foreign" service, but sometimes may feel like it!

Colonels Kelly & Donna Igleheart (USA West) Major Maureen (Diffley) Duskin (USA Central) Lt. Colonels Jonathan & Barbara Rich (USA Central) Captain Valentina Wearmouth (UK) along with husband Captain Richard and baby son, Lucas.

Colonels Ken & Paula Johnson (NHQ) Lt. Colonels Stephen & Susan Ellis (NHQ) Majors Matthew & Jamie Satterlee (NHQ)

Please share with others these needs as your prayers do make the difference.

## WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Colonels Steve & Wendy Morris write: "We are reminded that our guarters and the 3 other guarters attached were funded by the Southern Territory while my parents were serving as TC's here (1986-98). We continue to be indebted to their leadership over time, but also want to express to those who have come before all of us for the generosity of the Southern Territory from yesteryear. We don't take any of that generosity for granted and wanted to express our deep appreciation for today's leadership team in the South for that continued generosity, not only in Japan, but around the world. Thank you!"

#### BOOK:

I found another copy of "The Logos Story" by Elaine Rhonton, (GS Books, 1988). It's as inspiring as any missionary enterprise in mission history. A miracle ship with God and consecrated Christian - professions and lay volunteers. If you want a copy just ask.

#### SPECIAL DATES COMING UP (Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

#### **JULY**

- **Major Mary Gonzalez** 13
- 22 Captain Chris Welch **ITALY**
- 30 Christian Zimmerer (23) **SPAIN**

### **AUGUST**

- Colonels Ken & Paula Johnson Anniv. (NHQ)
- Majors Alan & Mary Gonzalez Anniv. (USS)
- **Colonel Ken Johnson** 10
- **Colonel Wendy Morris** JAPAN

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Lucas Wearmouth (1)
- Susannah Satterlee (13) NHQ

#### **OCTOBER**

- Majors Matt & Jamie Satterlee Anniv. (NHQ)
- **Colonel Steve Morris** JAPAN
- Lt. Cols. Jonthan & Barbara Rich Anniv. (USC)
- **Major Dieter Zimmerer** SPAIN
- 21 Major Barbara Zimmerer
- Lt. Colonel Jonthan Rich USC
- Lt. Colonel Stephen Ellis
- 29 Colonel Kelly Igleheart

"God does great things in the midst of the mess."

George Verwer



**ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION** 

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