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Chaplain Of The Month, Chaplain Steve Alviso

Steve Alviso is a licensed minister with The Foursquare Gospel Church. He has served as an assisting minister for the last 20 years all throughout Northern California as well as working full time with a corporate insurance company. Steve's passion is working one-on-one with people, teaching them about the love and hope that Jesus Christ can bring into their lives. Steve is married to his wife of 30 years, Mary, who is also a minister. Together they have 2 adult sons, both happily married and awaiting grandkids one day. Steve and Mary have traveled to many places, local and Internationally, ministering in music with Mary's band seeing God's work in themselves and others, and looking forward to seeing more of God's work as they faithfully continue to serve Him.

As chaplains, we have all been praying for Steve's wife Mary this past year. She was diagnosed with breast cancer, and after surgery, she was directed by her oncologist to have regular treatments of chemotherapy. All of us were praying faithfully for Mary, and every month Chaplain Steve gave us a report on her progress. After Mary finished her treatments, we continued to pray that her test results would come back negative. Chaplain Steve informed us that his wife is now "cancer free," and we all praised the Lord with Steve that she is free of this deadly disease. We will continue to pray that she remains cancer free as it takes a number of years before the doctors will agree that she is permanently rid of this horrible malady.

Comments from the Executive Director, Tim Thompson

There are many times as chaplains we are called to scenes that don't make sense. That was the case when the Sheriff's dispatcher sent us to a suicide scene in a rural area. Five men shared a house as roommates. One of the roommates was recovering from hip surgery, on a lot of pain medications and not acting like himself. As they were watching TV, they heard the sound of a gunshot and discovered their roommate had killed himself. These roommates were full of regret and a real sense of loss because they really didn't know this man that well, even though they lived together for the previous six months. The roommates were open to some scripture verses that bring comfort in times like these that don't make sense. These men welcomed prayer and spiritual support and were very open to going to a support group that is held monthly at a local church. Please keep them in your prayers as they all want to renew their relationship with God.

Please pray with us for...

- the men whose roommate committed suicide
- these men mentioned above as they seek to renew their relationship with the Lord
- praise that one of our chaplains was told on his birthday that he is now cancer free
- praise that Steve's wife is now "cancer free" after finishing her chemo treatments (see comments above)
- success in our search for a new staff chaplain who will help us meet the increasing demands of our ministry
- an officer whose ex-wife died from medical complications and for their young son who has lost his mother
- a man camping and celebrating their first year anniversary when his wife drowned in the river
- a deputy's step-mother who is terminally ill and his father as they face this huge challenge
- Chaplain Tim as he helps support a church by providing shepherding oversight as their transitional pastor