

BEANS AND BLISS

For Jesus and His Kingdom

“The Three Amigos”

A friend gave me the phone number of a young Armor Officer headed out to Ft Bliss. Although I was unable to connect with him, Trev and his wife, Alyse, showed up at our outreach bible study and began to commit to the Navigator ministry at Ft Bliss. Another officer, Justin Sedlak, was involved with the Navigators at Ft. Knox and he got involved with us as soon as he arrived at Ft Bliss. All three were strong small group leaders at the outreach study, but they had a heart for the soldiers in their own unit. It became obvious, the next step for them was to move towards intentional ministry to the 1st Brigade.

Within a few months of having that conversation, the 1st Brigade, 1st Armor Division Bible Study was born. They were ready to take on the responsibility and privilege of reaching out to fellow soldiers in their brigade. They now facilitate a 1/1 group devoted to following Jesus and impacting soldiers. This ministering trio is an example of 2 Timothy 2.2; The things they have heard from Jesus, they are entrusting to reliable men and women who are able to teach others also. These three laborers are a huge encouragement to us and are a snapshot of what God is doing at Ft Bliss through men and women who want to step forward in faith!



Alyse & Trev Rogers



Rusty, Justin, and Wally



Eli with Isabella (4), Gunnar (2), Eli (2 mo), Kylie (7), Cyrus (5)



Elias

Meet Elias Petros Russell Bean!

We were blessed by the birth of our son, Elias, on February 8, 2011. When El was 19 weeks pregnant, we found out that something was abnormal in his brain development. The doctors thought it was hydrocephalus, but we found out after he was born that part of his brain did not completely develop. There is no way to know how this will impact him in the future. The spectrum ranges from no noticeable impact to mental deficits, seizures, and abnormal motor skills.

We recently found out he only has about 50% of his optic nerve which could mean he will have vision trouble. He is currently going through early intervention therapies. We named him Elias, which means Jehovah is God, because he reminds us that God is the Almighty Creator and we can trust Him. We pray that Elias will walk with God, and that God will use him to bring people into His Kingdom.

We are SO encouraged by all the kinds words and prayers we have received! God has already used little Elias and he is a TRUE blessing to our family!

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