

Danny & Kathryn Perez

Serving with Cadence International

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This year has been like a special 12 months of Christmas all year long!

- 12 (+6) supporter visits
- 11 trips to see staff
- 10 Leadership Training sessions
- 9 round-trip plane rides
- 8 books read
- 7 physical therapy appointments
- 6 days in Cabo
- 5 Military Services ministered to by our staff: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard
- 4 ministry conferences
- 3 family gatherings
- 2 VBS weeks
- 1 surgery—meniscus repair work for Danny

IT IS A NEW ERA FOR US!

We turned over the Ft. Bragg Hospitality House ministry in late June to Jeremy and Kim Cover, to assume full-time leadership of the Cadence Eastern Field. Transitioning to this role has provided a strange mix of both joy and grief for us.



Cadence Eastern Field Staff Conference



Jack's Commissioning to become a Chaplain with Jeremy & Kim Cover



We now have the opportunity to spend more time with Cadence staff and be involved in their lives in deeper ways. Praying, mentoring, and caring for their lives and ministries has filled us with purpose and fulfillment. We do this very practically by visiting them and also spending time with them monthly over phone/text/email/video chat to provide encouragement, support, and challenge. Our visits vary in length depending on the need, but we make at least one trip per month and sometimes more—driving or flying, whichever makes more sense. We love these visits and are thrilled watching our staff invest themselves in their ministries and military communities.

But we are also grieving the end of 30 years of hospitality house ministry: the end of teaching several times a week, the end of leading our men's group, the end of one-on-one meetings with soldiers and airmen from the HH, the end of activities and events for the Ft. Bragg HH community, and the end of our involvement at Chapel Next, our military congregation.



Tim & Bobbi Bettger—Ft. Benning



Brian & Cathy Hutchens—Ft. Drum



Victory Ranch AIT Women's Retreat



KJ, Emily & Stella McAleesejergins—West Point



Victory Ranch Staff: Eric & Janet Thimell with Steve & Teeter Mauldin



Bob & Annie Miller—Ft. Stewart



CH Vest & CH Murphy—Ft. Campbell

As Kathryn and I work together in this new role, it is not only a new season of trusting in the Lord to give us wisdom for ministry, but also for working together. We continue to strive for a sweet working relationship as we improve communication and pray more together.

We are in the midst of figuring out what local ministry looks like in this new season of our lives. I am enjoying meeting with and encouraging Chaplains, which is good for my soul! Kathryn is still involved with PWOC (Protestant Women of the Chapel) and continues to meet with ladies in the military community to love and support them. We also give the Cover family quite a bit of extra care and attention as they settle into their new role.

We hosted a staff conference in June at Ridgecrest near Asheville, NC. It was a wonderful week of training and helping each other think about how we can love and minister more effectively to others.

Cadence has been using a new leadership training tool that has greatly helped us in our leadership. It is called Giant Worldwide, and it is a marvelous resource for anyone in a leadership position. The premise is that you must know yourself before you can lead yourself and then lead others. It has been a great journey of discovery and growth for us. The books we have been using are "The 5 Voices" and "The 100x Leader." The website is: giantworldwide.com We encourage you to check it out!

FAMILY UPDATE

Maxton is back at Camp Pendleton after a six-month deployment to the Middle East on the USS Boxer. He recently re-enlisted. Landon is currently in the Special Operations Civil Affairs Qualification course right here at Ft. Bragg for the next year. Dannon, now in his own apartment in Kansas City, goes to school full-time and has several part-time jobs. Regent and Traci let us know at Thanksgiving that we are going to be grandparents in June! Regent is in his first year of Army nursing at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Our family was also highlighted in the new *inCadence* magazine with an article about raising our family in the hospitality house.



Cadence Leadership Team 2020



Dave & Joyce Schroeder, Dick & Margaret Patty



Kathryn teaching at VBS



Regent's 2LT Commissioning



Joe & Caitlin Fletcher—NAS Oceana



Hanging out at Christmas with Maxton & Landon



Maxton's return from deployment

We are holding a hospitality house reunion retreat for all those who were involved with us in Mannheim, Hanau, Schweinfurt, Bamberg, and Ft. Bragg. The retreat is from August 9–12 at the Blue Ridge Assembly YMCA Camp near Asheville, NC. We would love to have all those who are Cadence Alumni join us for this special time. To register go to blueridgeassembly.org/stay/events and select Perez Reunion Retreat 2020. It will be a rich time of reconnecting, storytelling, worship, prayer, and reflecting on the goodness of God. There also may be a lot of jokes, games, hikes, and enjoying the beauty of the North Carolina mountains.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and partnership as we continue to pour out our lives to our staff and co-workers. It remains our goal to “share the gospel and our lives” with military personnel and those who are ministering to them (I Thessalonians 2:8).

With gratefulness and much love!
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