

Paul & Stacy Cassidy

*The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend*

From O Holy Night lyrics by Placide Cappeau (1808–1877)



“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10–11

The Lord sent His angels to common shepherds to announce the birth of His Son. These shepherds had to be told to not be afraid, understandably, as they were seeing something so magnificent, so glorious, so unusual. Throughout His short earthly life, Jesus had to tell His disciples to not be afraid or fear (Luke 5:10, Matthew 10:28 and 14:27) and to not be anxious (Matthew 6:25–34 and 10:19). He lovingly told them where peace is found (John 14:27 and 16:33). This was in the context of everyday life—even with Jesus in their midst!

Do you need to hear these reminders from Jesus, just like I do? Who are we fooling when we say, “I could never have imagined what 2020 would bring!”? We don’t even know what tomorrow may bring (Matthew 6:34), yet we trust in our Sovereign Lord for it.

May we experience the wonder of joy this Christmas in a God who came to us and declared “good news of great joy for all people!” Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORK GOES ON...

Even in the midst of a pandemic, Paul continues to process applications, talk with prospective candidates, interview applicants, and meet with his growing mobilizing team. Paul ran our first “virtual” candidacy last month and, overall, it was a great success. It is definitely not the preferred way we like to do things at our Cadence HQ, but the process worked well, and we were thrilled to appoint four new missionary “units”. Paul’s mobilization department has grown from three to six, and he’s very excited about his team.

I (Stacy) have had the privilege of working with veteran staff and new missionaries as they build teams of ministry partners. In 2020, I was able to release four veteran staff couples and five new missionary units (couples and singles) to the field fully funded! In the next month, I anticipate

releasing one veteran couple and two new missionary couples to the field fully funded. In a year with much uncertainty, God’s people are still generous and focused on investing in eternity. This excites me! I hope it blesses you too.

FAMILY UPDATE

We are looking forward to having Hope and Isaac with us this Thanksgiving. Aaron really misses his sisters (and brother-in-law)! Jenna won’t be able to join us because of her work schedule, but we are thankful for her steady stream of income. She is planning to start college at a local



Candidacy October 2, 2020



Stacy and Paul on a date

community college this winter. The biggest news with Jenna is that we think she has an auto-immune disease (potentially MS). She is in the process of getting a diagnosis and, in the meantime, she is on a strict diet to help with inflammation (I'm on it with her). Please pray for her to get an accurate diagnosis and for provision to cover any additional medical expenses. Thank you!

My mom is holding steady right now, but the isolation resulting from the pandemic has really caused the disease (Alzheimer's) to progress. That has been the hardest thing for us during this time. I miss seeing her daily and also having a pulse on how she is doing and being cared for.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving each and every month as many of you give generously and pray faithfully for us. Thank you. We are encouraged by our monthly ministry partners and those who choose to send in special gifts. God's timing is always perfect!

We know many of you like to send year-end gifts and we would be grateful for any this year. We also know that some of you are considering your 2021 budget. Would you prayerfully consider increasing your monthly gift? If you are not currently a ministry partner, would you consider joining our monthly team? We are hoping to raise \$900 per month by the end of the year.

A link to our ministry profile is: Cadence.org/Cassidy. You can give directly from there. Please let us know if you have any questions.

LOCAL IMPACT

Lastly, we would like to ask you to pray for our little neighborhood. We are intentionally reaching out to our neighbors, "P", "A", "M", "R" and "T". We also have met a sweet young mom from Afghanistan at the playground. We have begun to pray for Rahila and her family. Would you pray for her soul? We hope Christmas will give us many opportunities to talk about the Good News and the great joy we have in Christ!

With much affection,
Stacy, for Paul and Aaron, too



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