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I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

JESUS IN JOHN 12:46

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Friends and Family,

After more than 100 trips to the Okinawa airport, this one was quite different, and we sat in silence as we rolled down the familiar roads. We watched as familiar places, restaurants, military bases, and friends' homes passed by the window, each representing countless conversations, relationships, laughter, and much more. It was June, and we were taking our final drive in Okinawa as we headed to the airport, the trunk full of what we would live with for the coming year or more. Heavier than that, we were carrying in our hearts the full weight of the love, effort, sacrifice, and abundance that we experienced in our labors there. The joy of new faith, the celebration of many friends made, meals shared, and the thousands of times we had the privilege to open the Word for students, children, Marines, and Sailors.

The Lord led us there in 2007 for Andrea, and in 2008 for Dave, two weeks after we were married. We still marvel at the clarity with which God brought us to that island, the overwhelming support of family and friends, and the fruitfulness of 13 years of life and ministry there. Okinawa will always hold a dear place in our hearts.

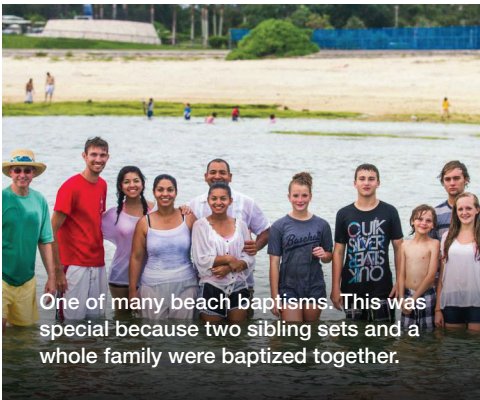
The ministry God intended for us spanned nine bases and all ages. We had the honor of leading people ranging from middle schoolers to Colonels, and even our own children, to Christ. Those journeys were sweet and will be forever remembered for the abundant faithfulness of Christ. It was



The worship team from our chapel. Dave enjoyed leading worship for 10 of the years we were in Okinawa.



Our Cadence teammates at Camp Foster since 2016.



One of many beach baptisms. This was special because two sibling sets and a whole family were baptized together.



Some of the Marines from Wednesday night Bible study.



With our community bible study for young families.



David teaching an all-day Bible Study Intensive.



After preaching at a church during my last missions trip to Cambodia. We took over 200 people on short term missions trips during our time in Okinawa.



A group of marines in the Airport, ready to depart for another Cambodia missions trip.



At the promotion for one of our Marines the day after his baptism.



At a baptism for two of the marines we disciplined this last year.

our joy to start five different ministries that still continue today, and many more that were for a time and season. We also loved hosting 23 interns, all of whom had a great impact for the Kingdom of God in Okinawa, many of whom are now in full-time ministry, four of them with Cadence. As we prepared to leave, one Marine shared with us about how he began his walk with Christ with us and was baptized and promoted after some challenging years. "I have hope and joy in ways I never thought possible," he said.

How we long to sit with you and tell stories of God's great work around the world. For each of the people in our ministry, teams we've led, and interns we've hosted, there is a Kingdom story. God is at work daily, and your prayers and support have made each of those stories a reality. You are a part of God's kingdom work, through us, and we are through you. We see the work of the Holy Spirit through your lives and stories.

There is no way to quantify, or fully express, the deep joy and gratitude we have for our season in Okinawa. Not only in ministry, but also in our family. We grew from a couple to a family of six. The adoption journey was nothing short

of miraculous and we have been delighted by these two girls. Our family feels complete with them.

We are now in a year of rest. After 12 years on the field for Dave and 17 for Andrea, this year is a welcome balm. We left our place of ministry and are now living in Kandern, Germany. Kavan and Keeley are loving school and have quickly made some great friends here. We are able to be near teammates Brian and Aimee Kleager, and have settled in for a year of rest.

First and foremost, it has been a time to reflect on the countless memories, the many people God brought into our lives in Okinawa, and the faithful love of family and friends as we walked in God's calling on our lives. We are overwhelmed and we are grateful.

Secondly, it is a time for family. Between retreats, conferences, and a variety of other responsibilities, there has been plenty of travel in the past few years, and the coming years will be no exception. To have a year of more focused presence as a family, to play, process, and live together is a blessing that we are very much enjoying.



How it started.



How it's going.



A wonderful outpouring of support at Kavan's Baptism this year.



It was such a gift for Kavan to be baptized by his dad together with our co-worker Matthew who is our Cadence Children's ministry staff and had a profound impact on our children.

Finally, it's a time for preparation. For several years we have been speaking with other Cadence leaders about joining the Cadence team at HQ. Dave will be joining the HQ team in Denver in the summer of 2021 as the VP for Field Ministries. He is honored to be serving the mission in this capacity. We continue to see God work powerfully in the military community, and we can think of no better place to invest for the Kingdom of God. It is a ripe harvest field, and Cadence missionaries are some of the most faith-filled, and Spirit-filled people we know. To lead among them is an honor.

As the twins get closer to school-age, Andrea is also considering how her gifts can be used outside the home and how she might support the advance of the Gospel to the military. As a result of this move, we have lost some significant financial support from the military contract, and we will have increased needs due to the cost of living in Denver, especially health care. We will be working this year to raise an additional \$3,000 a month, plus an additional \$25,000 for moving expenses. We are working and asking God to provide for these needs by January 1, 2021, so we can spend the spring focused on family, rest, and personal preparation for this next season of ministry. Would you pray for and consider giving to these needs?

Quickly, for those that may not be aware, we had hoped to spend this year in the States, to be near family and visit friends and supporters personally (if possible), and to begin to settle in Denver for Dave's new job. However, we are not yet able to immigrate the twins. We can apply for their immigration

in May 2021, and from that point, it can take up to a year to complete. Dave will work remotely from Germany until that process is complete and we can move to Denver full-time.

We cannot begin to express how thankful we are for you and how the Lord has crossed our paths. It grieves us that we won't see you face-to-face this year. We pray for the merriest of Christmases, and that you would remember God's faithful provision through this year. He is good to us, and we have much to be thankful for.

God bless you friends,

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