

Ed & Joy

Serving with Cadence International

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We LOVE... what we get to do, who we get to do it with, and WHO we get to do it for!

We have experienced much since our last communique! We survived a difficult Christmas season amid the pandemic, a house in escrow, the changing political landscape, the first of many military goodbyes, and the unexpected passing of Joy's amazing mother, Jeannine, on December 19. The combination of these events has taken a toll on our hearts and brought us to our knees. God's peace, presence, provision, and favor continue to be a constant source of strength and encouragement. Thank you for all your prayers!

Regarding ministry at *The Bridge*, our labor of love and perseverance thankfully culminated in the purchase of this beautiful property on December 17 by an angel investor who is charging us affordable rent in this expensive area. We envision long-term impact to the military and sustainability for Cadence with this mission house, which is within walking distance of one base and easy driving distance from other bases!

As many of you know, in September we took a step of faith to start up our weekly dinner and Bible Study and a weekly men's breakfast group in October. We are happy to report that both are doing very well. Each week Sailors and SEALs in training find their way to our home. The impacts of COVID-19, including isolation and fear, are far-reaching, and our open door, homecooked meal, and Gospel message offered here at *The Bridge* have been a lifeline for many. Following are some recent comments:

"The Bridge has been a light in this time of darkness... so encouraging...so helpful and just so full of love and happiness."
—Jason

"This is the most 'at home' I've felt in eight months! I'll be back!"
—Ruger





Matt's Baptism

"This place (The Bridge) has been the most encouraging and fulfilling home I have been in! I'm so glad I took this step of faith. Yummy food and even better fellowship! I feel so blessed God has put you in our lives." —Melissa

"My time at The Bridge has been short and sweet, but y'all have been wonderful all around. My words could never be enough to thank you for the hospitality, food, baptism, laughs, good times, and Jesus-moments we have shared together. It is going to be one season to remember!" —Matthew



Ed, Papa, and Joy

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

ROMANS 15:13

Baptizing someone in the Pacific Ocean in mid-February has its challenges, including the water temperature and the roar of the crashing waves, but what an absolute delight!

We are praying this Lenten season will be a time of reflection and remembrance of the good news of the gospel—our Savior's love demonstrated by his death on the cross and His incredible resurrection, which provides hope for all who believe—especially in these difficult days.

Thank you for shouldering the load with us as co-laborers in Christ! Our thoughts and prayers include you often.

We're blessed, blessed, blessed!

With love and appreciation,
Ed and Joy (& Papa too)



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