

# Peter & Tanya Kinney



Peter, Tanya, and Nathan

*“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms.”*

**1 PETER 4:8–10 (NIV)**

## *Dear Friends & Family,*

When God called us into military ministry, we knew He had given us the desire to serve. Reading the above verses and reflecting on the almost six years of serving the military here at Luke AFB, I (Tanya) realized we came here equipped for ministry, but only partially. We can never be fully prepared for all that God calls us to step into; we must step out in faith, into that place where we quickly realize we were never meant to go alone. Each of us can only serve others faithfully through our complete reliance on Him and with the support and encouragement of friends, family, and fellow believers. It requires so much surrender to Him, the clinging to His strength to face the challenges, heartaches, the hours of pouring yourself into others, celebrating the victories, mourning through the heartache, and everything in between, that comes with full-time ministry.

The second half of verse ten encourages us to “administer God’s grace in various forms.” I don’t think we realized how many various forms of God’s grace we would need, and want, to share with these young men and women we have come to love so much. Many times, we have questioned why God chose to use us, brand new missionaries, to pioneer a hospitality house ministry. We didn’t have experience in this area. Over the years, we realized that God was equipping us for this task, especially Peter, with the work he was doing prior to serving with Cadence. It prepared him for laying the foundations of a brand-new ministry with God’s strength and grace. It is amazing to see what God has built

over these years, using “newbie” missionaries and so many others who have so graciously followed God’s leading to partner with us in this adventure.

## **ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER ADVENTURE?**

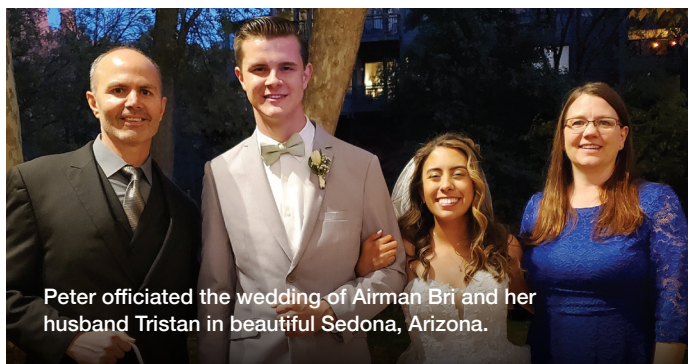
Cadence has asked us to pioneer another hospitality house! Where, you may ask? Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota. We have been praying for over a year, along with our leadership, about what might be next for our family. When approached with the possibility of Ellsworth, we spent time in prayer and researching the area. It piqued our interest, so we took a trip there at the end of May 2020. Since then, we’ve continued to pray for confirmation of what God was stirring in our hearts. In February, we signed our Assignment Agreement with Cadence, making the plan official. Several things need to happen during this transition, and you may have questions for us. The remainder of this letter will try to answer as many of those questions as possible and give you our prayer requests.

## **WHERE ARE YOU GOING?**

Ellsworth AFB is “nestled in the majestic Black Hills [of] South Dakota, [and] is located 10 miles east of Rapid City and just outside of Box Elder. The base—home to the 28th Bomb Wing—is one of only two B-1B bases in the world. The 28th Bomb Wing guarantees combat airpower for America. Every Airman in the wing, whether sustaining people, maintaining weapons and equipment, generating aircraft, pulling a trigger, or operating a network, provides combat power for our nation. The 28th BW is home to 3,700 Airmen and DoD civilians and operates 27 B-1B Lancers. The Air Force announced Ellsworth has been selected as the preferred location for the first operational B-21 Raider bomber and the formal training unit.” (Ellsworth.AF.Mil)

## **WHEN ARE YOU GOING?**

The plan is for the beginning of June. This timing works well for Nathan’s schooling, as he will be starting high school this fall! Leadership at Cadence has considered this



Peter officiated the wedding of Airman Bri and her husband Tristan in beautiful Sedona, Arizona.

location for a long time and feels the conditions are optimal for starting a new hospitality house ministry.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE WELL HOSPITALITY HOUSE?

Ministry will continue. Cadence is still working on finding a permanent couple who will take over the position here. In the meantime, we have two wonderful couples—the Bassetts, who have been volunteering/serving alongside us for three years, and the Sperrys, part-time Cadence missionaries teamed here with us—along with other faithful volunteers who will help provide some continuity. Pray for this transition and for a missionary couple to be identified as the next directors of The Well.

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

First and foremost, pray! Secondly, we will need to raise additional funds for moving and starting a new hospitality house. If you would like to help in this way, special gifts

can be made, or if you know someone who might have the ability and desire to help be a part of a new ministry startup, let us know or go to [Cadence.org/Kinney](http://Cadence.org/Kinney).

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- Our family during this transition. There is a lot for us to do and much that is still unknown.
- The next permanent house directors at The Well to be identified quickly.
- Housing: finding the right location in SD
- Us to finish our time here well. For the goodbyes ahead, the new people coming in, and that the Airmen would continue to attend The Well during the transition, taking ownership for their ministry.
- The financial provision of all that needs to transpire to keep things running smoothly here, as well as moving and start-up costs for the new hospitality house ministry in South Dakota.

This is a bittersweet time for us. We are excited for what God is calling us on to, but we are sad to leave those who are here at Luke. Ultimately, The Well is God's ministry, not ours, but we do have a very strong attachment to it, to the Airmen and the Airmen to us. Thank you for keeping track of us these last several years and as we continue on to what is next. We appreciate you so much!

Grace and Peace to you,

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