

Serving with Cadence International

Jeff & Candace Walton

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Meeting with another Cadence missionary we met during Candidacy

Hello everyone!

We have had quite a busy last couple of months! Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement to us—we have seen and felt them as we wound down the school year. We would love to update you on our travels and what we are doing during summer break.

Jeff finished his school semester at the beginning of May. He had a busy and productive semester while taking Pastoral Counseling, Discipleship, and Preaching classes. He has had opportunities in the past to teach in small groups, but now he has had the opportunity to preach in front of a church! His first sermon was at the beginning of June at a local church called Thaxton Baptist Church. He did an excellent job! His second was during a support raising trip to Missouri at the end of June. He visited Cornerstone Baptist Church, the church we attended while we were stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. He had an amazing time reconnecting with our old church family and even got to play some board games while staying with our friends. When Jeff is not traveling, he will be support raising from home with Candace and catching a breather from all of last semester's schoolwork.

Candace is starting to feel the nesting bug come on. Little Boy Walton is getting bigger and bigger and has learned prenatal karate. All the kicking, rolling, and hiccupping tend to happen in the middle of the night. He is due in the middle of August, and we still have not landed on a first name yet. We'd love your prayers about that. There is a lot of decluttering and rearranging that Candace would like to do before the baby arrives, along with support raising.

We both have a lot of work to do, but we are eager and excited to do it. Your prayers are coveted during this time of preparation before August.

We just celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary on May 15! It is unbelievable to us that we have already reached ten years of marriage. We looked back and reflected that when we started this journey together, we had no idea that the military mission field is where God would lead us! It is truly amazing to see how God has trained, grown, prepared, and turned our hearts towards military ministry. This certainly was not the plan we had for ourselves. But God's plans are not ours, thank goodness! His are so much better than what we planned for ourselves.

We have done a lot of traveling recently. At the end of May, the whole family went on a road trip to Florida to raise support. We made several stops on the way there and back. Some awesome friends hosted us in their homes in SC and FL. It was a *huge* blessing! We came away a little red from the sunny weather, but with very full hearts! While we stayed down in Florida, we had the opportunity to do a presentation at our friend's church, GracePoint Church, in Plant City. Their pastor, Robert, is an Army Reserve Chaplain. It was wonderful to connect with him and see his excitement for our vision in this ministry. The church encouraged us and came around us like we were old family—it felt like a big hug! Support raising is a lot of work, but our sweet brothers and sisters in Florida filled us to overflowing. It was such a cool way to see God's hand work consistently for our good.



Lunch with members of GracePoint Church



Friends from our Fort Bragg days



Friends from Germany



More friends from Germany

We want to share a story of how God is already ministering to members of the military through us, even before we have made it to the field. Jeff got to know Doug Lowe, a retired Marine, through a Bible study at our church last summer. Before he and his wife MJ became ministry partners with us, Doug told Jeff about his daughter and son-in-law who were being stationed in Germany. Jeff was able to provide the location of the nearest Cadence house to their daughter and son-in-law. They moved this past winter while Germany was still in severe lockdown for COVID-19, and it was very hard for them to be so isolated and so far from home. They reached out to the leaders of that local Cadence house, who then met with them, and they became friends almost instantly. The daughter and son-in-law are now regular attendees at that house. Doug and MJ are so pleased that their family has found community within the body of Christ in a foreign country!

Needless to say, God has been doing a lot! Please pray for God to lead us to more partners for our ministry. We are at 40% of our total need, which is exciting! Our short-term goal was to raise another \$1,400 per month of additional support by the end of June, but it has been slow-going. However, God has been very faithful to provide thus far, and He will continue to do so. Please keep praying for His provision, especially with the baby on the way.

Last of all, go check out our new website, WaltonMinistry.org. Jeff's brother Jeremy graciously volunteered his time and expertise to create it for us. We will be using this website to post more regular updates in between each newsletter as another way to keep you all updated on our progress. You can also view all our previous newsletters and find links to our official Cadence website.

Much love to you all!

Jeff, Candace, Elijah, Kirk, and Baby Boy Walton



Swimming in Florida with the Balls

KIDS KORNER

The boys finished the school year with thankful hearts. They do miss school, but there are a lot of things they are looking forward to. Besides traveling with us, sleeping in, and eating us out of house and home, they will be doing swimming lessons, basketball camp with our local church, and farm camp at a local farm. They have loved being in the sun and squirting each other with the hose, and eating all that wonderful summer fruit. They are looking forward to their birthdays at the end of the summer and to the birth of their little brother around the same time!



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