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Greetings, friends. Like most of you, our past year has been a bit of a roller coaster ride. There has been a lot of planning, re-planning, canceling, waiting, thinking outside of the box, trying new things, and restarting old things with new guidelines. We have done our best to maintain ministry at the house, the Peak (on-base Airmen ministry center), and the chapel. It's been a full and busy season. Nate, the kids, and I are all feeling a bit weary from what pandemic ministry has required of us, but we are also excited as we move into the fall season.

It's been a while since we last sent a paper letter and there are quite a few things that we want to give updates on. Here they are in no particular order:

- We have Cadence coworkers at Travis! Steven and Rachel Harvell and their three kiddos joined the Travis team in January. We love serving with a team and appreciate their willingness to jump in and help with ministry at the Peak, the house, and the chapel.
- The Peak is going very well, and we continue to enjoy having that avenue to meet and serve young Airmen on base. A new Peak executive team was installed in July, and Nate is largely responsible for leading that team as they lead the ministry. Steven heads up the Peak Bible study, and we have a teaching rotation that includes our Cadence team and some of our Airmen. It's been fun and encouraging to see our Airmen stepping out and leading in new areas.



Team Travis—Ethan (Intern), Rachel, Steven, Molly (Intern), Louise, Ellie, and Nate

- A few weeks ago, our contract for The Peak was renewed for the next five years, so the Cadence team will continue to have an open door to on-base ministry for at least that long.
- We have a spiritual resiliency retreat with 25 of our Peak folks September 17–19 and look forward to getting time with them away from the business of military work life for a few days. The rest of the fall is planned out with our normal ministry routine, special monthly events, and holiday celebrations. We anticipate these things will provide many opportunities for our team to engage in intentional conversations with the Airmen that come through the doors.
- The house ministry has been back to “normal” for the past few months. Guidelines in CA opened enough that we have been able to serve meals in person and have Bible study inside! We've missed the camaraderie that eating together brings, so it has been really nice to have that element as part of ministry at the house again. We're still figuring out childcare for more than a few kids—that piece is proving difficult, but we are working on it. We finished studying Ecclesiastes this summer and then started the book of Acts. It's likely that we will be digging into that book until spring.
- There have been a few new ministry opportunities that have sprung up over the past year. Nate and I had the opportunity to become certified as trainers for the *5 Voices* leadership tools. That has already proven very useful across the ministries we are involved in and has also opened doors to do some unit engagement on the base outside of the chapel. I also had the opportunity to take a course to become a certified herbalist and am already enjoying the unexpected ways that my certification has opened doors to ministry within the community.
- There are four new chaplains at our base, so it's been a big transitional season for chapel ministries. Things are just starting to get up to speed again. Kara and Krista both joined the audio/visual team and serve every week. Ellie is working on starting up a youth group, and I'm most excited about the relaunch of the Women's Ministry at the end of this month.



The outgoing Peak Executive Team—Jeremy, Ray, Nate, Anna, Pat, and Angel



Chaplain Hostettler's promotion ceremony.

- Nate finished out the Chapel Coordinator contract in August. He took that position during the pandemic to help keep the chapel ministries afloat through the massive transition in chapel staff. We were considering continuing through this year, but it became clear to everyone involved that the attention and energy Nate was giving to that role was better spent on the Peak and house ministries for this season.
- With the income loss from the Chapel Coordinator position and some attrition that happened during the pandemic, we need to raise about \$2,875 in monthly support. That number honestly feels daunting—especially since we need to fit in partnership development while still investing in the Travis ministries full-time. In our good moments, we remember that God has kept us well-fed, clothed, and housed for over 20 years on the mission field. In the hard moments, we forget that, panic a little, and then remind ourselves Who is in charge of it all!
- We just started our 14th year of homeschooling. Kara is a junior, Krista is a freshman, and Josh is in 5–7th grade, depending on the subject. Ellie graduated from high school last fall. She spent some time at a study

abroad program in Europe this summer and loved every minute of it. When she got home, she started working with the Peak as the Administrative Assistant and has been hired part-time to help Cadence’s Communications department with social media. The kids have all explored new things over the last year, and most days there’s someone practicing volleyball in the yard, others making music or drawing, puzzles being worked on, and imaginative battles being fought. We are proud of how all our kids have navigated the changes and difficulties of the last 18 months.

- The pandemic has been particularly challenging for the younger three kids in the friend department, as nearly all their friends have moved in the last year and there haven’t really been many opportunities to meet new kids on base. The girls have one family that they connect with, and Josh is starting from scratch after this summer.

I hope that gives you a little glimpse into life at Travis these days and ways to pray for us if you feel so led. We are so thankful for your partnership with us!

Louise for the Johnsons



The Peak volunteers at the Travis VBS



Nate, Louise, Josh, Krista, Ellie, and Kara

P.S. If you would like more frequent, non-paper updates, there are a few ways to connect:

Facebook: The Johnson Ministry Team—We post a few times a month on this page with updates, prayer needs, and other ministry and family happenings. If you’d like to be added, call or text Nate at 707.472.1041 and he will make it happen.

Epistle Email Updates: Send an email to Nate.Johnson@Cadence.org to let us know you would like to be on the list. We will send you the link and give you some additional details on getting connected. We update Epistle once a week, and you can choose how often you receive email updates from it.

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