

Happy Fall Everyone!

Here is our latest update from our busy Summer. We cannot believe that this month marks one year since we were appointed as Cadence missionaries! What a year it has been. God has certainly poured out His provisions on us.

First, we would love to introduce our third son, Joshua Loyal Walton! He was born August 13 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces. He loves to eat, snuggle, and sleep during the day, and party at night. The delivery was the smoothest one we've had yet. Candace had traumatic births with our first two boys, and God was so gracious with this C-Section. The surgeon was meticulous, and the anesthesiologist minimized Candace's pain and kept her heart rate strong. Joshua was born in a very calm operating room and there were no complications. The nurses and the whole surgical team were so caring, and we felt safe in their capable hands.

Candace's recovery has been smooth with little pain—the best recovery by far for her. So many of our friends and supporters texted the day of and the night before the birth to tell us they were praying for the delivery. Friends, God heard your prayers. We felt and saw God's gracious hand on us and Joshua throughout the entire experience. It was meaningful to have so many people thinking and praying for us. Thank you. We spent most of the rest of August and the beginning of September adjusting to the baby and drinking lots of coffee. Also, school started for Jeff and the two older boys.

During the last few months before Candace had Joshua, Jeff was able to squeeze in two more fundraising trips. First, Jeff traveled to Missouri at the end of June and visited with his aunt, uncle, and grandfather, and then visited Cornerstone Baptist Church. This was the church we were a part of for six months prior to us leaving for Germany. It was awesome for Jeff to reconnect with old friends that we had not seen in five years! We were so blessed by that church when we were stationed at Fort Leonard Wood and were blessed again when Jeff revisited. Jeff got more experience preaching



and gave a lesson about the centurion's faith in Luke 7 on Sunday morning. He stayed with the associate pastor and his wife, who are good friends of ours. They took care of Jeff, encouraged him, fed him, and gave him opportunities to share our vision. We will be making another trip to Missouri in the next year, this time with Candace and the kids in tow.

The second trip Jeff made came as a surprise at the end of July. Out of the blue, Novum Baptist Church in Reva, VA contacted us and asked if we would come and talk to the church to raise awareness for the need for military missions. We were more than happy to oblige. It amazed us to see how God provided this trip to a church and people we didn't even know. Jeff stayed with a retired Army family who attends this church. He got to speak on a Friday evening to the parents of children attending VBS, and then again at a



men's breakfast Bible study the next morning. The body of Christ is truly an amazing thing, Jeff was blown away by all the encouraging words, the hospitality, and the support he received from this church that was previously unknown to us. God is so good! He knows how to bless us even when we don't ask for it.

Even with the trips and a few appointments, we are still at 41% funded. From everything our partnership development coach has said, it is common for giving to slow down over the summer. Please pray for us that giving will pick back up as we now enter this school year. Pray for God to show us where we need to go and whom we need to ask to join our team. We have an ambitious goal of reaching 75% of our overall financial need by the new year, and 100% by the end of May! Please pray with us for God to provide so we can meet and even surpass these goals. He has been so faithful to provide for all our needs and we have faith that He will continue to do so.

Jeff is adding more regular updates to our website. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet or want to hear from us more often, visit WaltonMinistry.org. We post all our newsletters there as well as blog updates, pictures, and videos.

We are excited to see where God will send us. Speaking of where we will be going, we have been informed that Cadence leadership prayed about and discussed where they want to send us during their leadership summit a couple of weeks ago. We are so close to reaching the 60% funding goal to get our assignment and, Lord willing, our next newsletter will have details of our first ministry house location!

Thank you all so much for your continued prayer and support.

Blessings, Jeff, Candace, Elijah, Kirk, and Joshua



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The boys have had a busy beginning of the school year, and August through September was birthday season for our children! The boys celebrated their sixth and eighth birthdays, which overlapped with visits from the grandparents who came to help us with the new



baby. There was a lot of celebrating going on! Kirk got a Batman cake and Eli had a Mario Kart cake. Their first day of school was the same as Candace's scheduled cesarean, so their grandparents ensured that they got there on time. They have been troopers adjusting to the new challenges of their grade levels and having a little brother in the house. They love playing with Josh on the floor, holding him in their arms, and listening to him burp after he's fed. When Joshua hears his big brothers come in after school, he wiggles with excitement and busts into big gummy grins. It is so sweet to see the three of them bond.



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