

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

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A YEAR IN REVIEW: New name, New job, New state!

So many changes in one amazing year. The Lord has been with us every step of the way. Getting married and starting my job as a mobilizer—we expected this. But moving to Tennessee definitely threw us for a loop. I heard someone say, “God doesn’t move fast, He moves suddenly.” This move felt fast *and* sudden. We found a great church here and jumped right in. I am still learning my new job and getting into a rhythm. I think ministry jobs take a year to truly adapt to since they tend to be seasonal. It’s fantastic to be with a team that all works hard and for the same goal—sharing the gospel and our lives with the U.S. military.



Chili Cook off at The Bridge



Crazy Hat Night at The Bridge Hospitality House



Talking with Tyler and Shayla



Celebrating Veterans Day

new Sailor Steve befriended had just washed out of SEAL training, which is never an easy time. Steve was just the man to come alongside and encourage him.

I sat down with Tyler and Shayla, two female Sailors. Before we knew it an hour had gone by. Tyler shared how she rededicated her life to Christ. “Mom and Dad” at The Bridge (Joy and Ed Bissonnette, the Cadence staff there) were instrumental in this decision. We talked about how the Christian life is simple, but not easy; how we daily need a passion for Christ. I brought a book along with me on the trip—I’ve been asking Jesus who I should pass it on to. I almost did not pack it, but it turns out the book was meant for Tyler and Shayla! We prayed together and

exchanged numbers so we can talk through the book as they read it.

After visiting The Bridge, it made me want to go back to field ministry. Being a part of watching God transform lives is amazing. I keep reminding myself that I am only one person and that God has called me to

this role for a purpose. I can be one woman helping with children’s ministry, or I can be part of bringing more new ministry workers to Cadence. That is exactly what I am working towards: recruiting staff who will share the gospel and their lives at every U.S. military installation.

THANK YOU, BATTLE BUDDIES!

I am calling this team “Battle Buddies” because, during battle, Soldiers never leave one another, no matter what. Everywhere I go, you come right alongside. As you pray for me, I am praying for you. This ministry does not happen without your prayer and support. I treasure and greatly appreciate every sacrificial gift and prayer. You are part of sending and launching new ministries to the U.S.

THE BRIDGE

I had forgotten how at home I feel with the military, even when I don’t understand all the acronyms. I got to visit The Bridge, a hospitality house ministry in San Diego, in late October. I just happened to come on an evening when they were hosting a fun event called “Chili Cook-off and Crazy Hat Night.” This allowed me to connect and watch people interact. One young guy, Steve, went around and intentionally welcomed all the new people. He introduced himself and a few others so we would not feel isolated or lost among the crowd. At dinner he dove right in, peppering another Sailor with questions. Steve has this God-given personality that makes you feel heard and cared for, not interrogated. I came to find out that the



Sharing about Cadence at Masters University

military. Every meal, small group, gospel conversation, and baptism in Cadence is part of your story too!

Lynne, one Battle Buddy, articulates how I hope each of you feels. “It is such a blessing for me to be a part of the team that supports and prays for you and Matt. It has affected me in many ways and given me an opportunity to be a part of the Body of Christ in furthering His Kingdom in ways I never would have thought of. Praise God for His guidance and grace!” Like Lynne, you are an integral part of this ministry!

If you have not thought about giving before, would you prayerfully consider joining this team in a new way? You can do this through a donation of an iPad (we need a total of three) or a one-time gift. The mobilization team will utilize the iPads to show videos to people who are interested in Cadence, giving them a better idea of what Cadence does. Sharing the gospel with our military is the best Christmas gift. Would you like to be part of making that happen?

I am so blessed by all of you. Merry Christmas!
Ciera Donahue

PRAISE:

- God is growing Cadence through new programs and initiatives.
- Many Cadence ministries are beginning to open and function again within a “new normal.”
- God has provided for us in so many ways: a new place to live that allows me to have office space; a job for Matt, with insurance; safe travels as we have moved and gone on work trips; and, of course, all of you. There have been moments where I have felt your prayers sustaining us. THANK YOU!

PRAYER:

- Pray that God would continue to grow Cadence, especially the student and children’s ministries.
- Pray for Tyler and Shayla to continue cultivating a passion and love for Christ.
- Pray that Matt and I would connect with our church and neighbors.



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