

Joe & Jill Vincent

*Praise the Lord!
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.*

PSALM 106:1 NLT

Dear friends and family,

The day I write this letter marks three years of sharing the gospel and our lives with the military community here at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany. We love what we do, and your prayers and financial support enable us to continue, Lord willing, for many more years. THANK YOU!

Much of the last year and a half has been spent negotiating pandemic shutdowns by the government and the changing military regulations. We effectively utilized online channels to stay connected with the military community and met in person as often as possible for dinner, Bible studies, and praying together.

During this time, we have been able to support the base in good times and in challenges. We had an F-16 crash in a wooded area from a bird strike. Fortunately, the pilot ejected and walked away with no injury. We have also supported the base during some critical times following the loss of lives in both civilian and military groups.

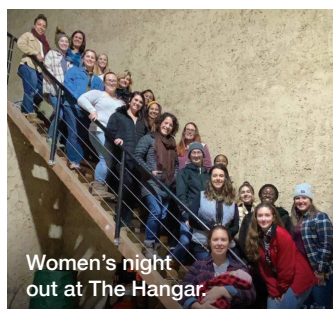
Our Airmen completed the support of the evacuation mission from Afghanistan. We ask for your continued prayers for the situation, especially for the Afghanis.

Our meeting sizes have increased since being able to meet outdoors. We have gathered as a community of 100 people at a time, with still more on the waiting list. Both Jill and I lead men's and women's Bible studies on base. Our son, Joey, is living here and has taken on yard work as well as being involved with details on Thursday ministry nights, spending time with singles/young married couples, and Bible Study & Grub ministry on Monday nights.

We were able to utilize one of the windows of opportunity during the Memorial Day weekend to take a group to the beaches of Normandy to remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives during the final year-long offensive to end WWII.



Newcomers' Dinner



Women's night out at The Hangar.



Chaplain Staff

December 19, 2020, we mourned the loss of Jill's mother Jeannine due to pneumonia. What a godly example to all who knew her. She is gently in the arms of her loving Father. We are driven, inspired, and encouraged by her memory.

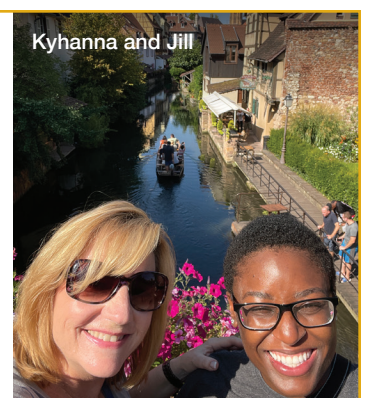
God has been gracious to us. We both remain healthy, even after I spent a week in the hospital following abdominal surgery in February. I am well and the hospital staff was incredible. We even had a new believer, Theresa, added to the Spang Hangar family from this hospital stay.

Gratefully,
Joe and Jill Vincent

We think you might enjoy hearing from a few people who have been involved in our ministry:

The Hangar has been a place of refuge that I didn't know I needed when I reached Spangdahlem AB. Not only have I experienced a place to fellowship with like believers throughout the week while attending women's ministries like PWOC, or the chapel service on Sunday, but it has been a place to find community in between those events. Those connected to the Hangar have been truly dependable from the little matters to the bigger events in life. There is no reason to not feel like you've been loved well when you are in the midst of those that love Jesus the way that they do.

Kyhanna McCall, Airman



Kyhanna and Jill

God was so kind to send our family to Spangdahlem Air Base, and not only grow our family but grow our understanding of the beauty of community. It was a sweet season for us to live and do life alongside other believers in a way that we hadn't experienced before. One of the main reasons for this growth was the Cadence hospitality house in Landscheid, or as those of us privileged to enjoy it call it, "The Hangar." In the New Testament, Paul and Peter both call on believers, God's people, to be hospitable to one another.

"Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." (Romans 12:13)

"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." (1 Peter 4:9)

These commands given to the early church are on beautiful display at the Spang Hangar. The weekly meeting for fellowship and Bible study served over 60 adults consistently (and probably more kids) before lockdown. A ministry that size that is hosted by two incredible missionaries couldn't continue if those in attendance chose not to serve and show hospitality to one another. This is the beauty of the Hangar, it's a welcoming place that you always leave glad you went. And when you show up, you're presented with opportunities to serve God's people through a meal, childcare, setup, cleanup, prayer, greeting, music, and the list goes on. But the Hangar was (still is for those lucky enough to live nearby) the perfect place for us to learn why God calls us to serve one another and see it played out week after week. We would gather to enjoy a meal that had been labored over all day, hear the word of God, and grow in our knowledge and affection for Him while serving and loving one another.

You might think that the lockdown and the restriction of large group gatherings would put a damper on the mission there, but the opposite was true. This just took the relationships deeper, and they became more intentional. Joe and Jill continued to love the community



and model how to serve others even when restrictions make that difficult. We felt this in a lot of ways during our last year in Germany.

Shortly after the first lockdown, we were hiking near the Hangar and popped in to say hi to Jill and Joe before we headed home. My kids were loved on, they prayed with us and for us, and they loved us through a strange time of not being able to meet. Then again, after our twins arrived in the summer and family wasn't allowed to travel to help, we were loved on by the Hangar community. We didn't have to cook for a month, and Jill came and helped me with all our kiddos when my husband returned to work.

We were loved so well by Joe and Jill and by the body of believers we got to meet through the hospitality house at Spangdahlem. As I said, God was kind to show us the beauty of a healthy community of believers and know what to seek as we transition into this new phase of my husband's military career. We miss the Hangar dearly, all of us, but we are so thankful we had the opportunity to attend while stationed at Spangdahlem!

Katie Craig, Spouse of Airman

We hope that when travel resumes, you will be able to schedule a time to come to Europe to witness and participate in this ministry.



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