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Dear friends,

We are about to embark on a new transition with Cadence International!

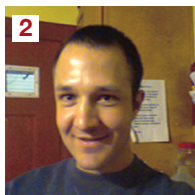
Starting March 1, 2022, we are on home assignment (furlough) for a year, after being part-time missionaries for 13 years. We have not been able to do full-time ministry because of Larry's job. We are looking forward to being full-time missionaries when we come off home assignment!

To fulfill this commitment, we must be fully supported financially. So, while on home assignment, we will be focusing on raising support, going back to Bible college, and working on Brender's health issues.

There are several examples in Scripture where God provides for those who are called to serve through the generous donations of others. Here are three examples:

- 1) The Levites: Numbers 1:1-3, 47-53; Numbers 18.
- 2) Nehemiah's vision: Nehemiah 2:1-9.
- 3) Jesus and his disciples: Luke 8:1-3; Luke 10. Consider this thought: "Jesus was not into independence, but interdependence." He relied on others for His very sustenance.

God has blessed Larry and me tremendously. He is blessing us, and He will continue to bless us as we continue to invest in spreading the gospel, giving to those who are less fortunate, and building His kingdom. We invite you to also receive God's blessings by partnering with us in ministry as we share the gospel and our lives with those God has called us to serve in the U.S. military. We are all in this ministry



1. Our church family met with us on our last Friday night dinner and Bible study before we went on home assignment. They prayed over us and shared how they have been blessed by this ministry. We love them so much! 2. Ben Lipp joined us on Zoom while stationed in New Mexico 3. Brittney Duke 4. Chen and Lim 5. Matt, Jennie, Larry, and BB

together whether you are on the front line (battlefield) or behind the scenes. (Malachi 3:10).

1 Kings 17:2-15 is a great illustration of God's blessings when we give sacrificially. We see Elijah fed by ravens which were provided by God. Later, God tells Elijah to go to a widow who lives at Zarephath and ask her to feed him with the last of their provisions. After she obeyed, there was food every day for Elijah, the widow, and her son.

Below, you can read a letter from one of the men who has been part of our ministry. He shares what this ministry has meant to him and his family. We are so grateful we've been able to invest in them!

We look forward to sharing our ministry vision and financial needs when we are able to visit you. Thank you for your prayers and interest in the ministry.

Gratefully,
Larry and BB Blakely

A LETTER FROM MATTHEW

Hello. My name is Matthew Banach (see picture #5). I'm a technical sergeant in the United States Air Force, currently stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. I have a wife, Jennie, and a four-month-old daughter, Adelina. My family and I have been a part of Larry and Brender Blakely's ministry for six-and-a-half years.

Larry and Brender have been such a blessing to my family since being stationed at Langley. When I arrived, they invited me to their house for dinner, and since then, they have been a second family to me.

The Blakelys have been a part of and witnessed many life experiences with me, both good and hard. They walked through premarital counseling with me and Jennie. Mr. Blakely was the officiant of our wedding, and even went out of his way to complete his pastor's license in Virginia so he could be our wedding officiant. Mrs. Blakely spent time with us at the hospital for several days to support Jennie as she gave birth to our daughter Adelina. Working with my parents, they hosted a baby shower at their house to bless our daughter. They prayed and spoke blessings over our growing baby and over us as parents, truly acting as our family. They were there to comfort us when we lost our first child due to a miscarriage and to offer us counseling during the very difficult ending of a friendship.

I have many other great memories, including trips I've taken with the Blakelys. These trips include going to Massanutten

Ski Resort, the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C., and Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. We have celebrated several Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Fourth of July holidays together as well.

They take the time to celebrate birthdays of those in their ministry by going bowling at Langley Air Force Base, as well as buying the person a gift and a cake. Most of our Friday nights are spent at the Blakelys' for dinner, fellowship, and Bible study. Mrs. Blakely cooks excellent food, especially fried chicken and cornbread. She goes out of her way to meet the various dietary needs of those in the group, which is especially appreciated. Also, the Bible studies focus on God's Word. Jennie and I have had the opportunity to learn and grow under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Blakely.

The Blakelys don't just serve the military members of the Hampton Roads area. They also look for opportunities to help those in need. They start collections for people who have experienced financial hardship and need some extra help. We have been blessed to give and participate in blessing other believers in the local area alongside the Blakelys. As a ministry, we also serve dinner at the Peninsula Rescue Mission (a men's homeless shelter) once a month.

In closing, the Blakelys offer an authentic ministry for military members. It's not just a ministry but a second family and a home away from home.



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- I will pray for the Blakelys
- I will support their ministry with:
\$ _____ per month quarter year
Starting date: _____
- I have enclosed a special gift: \$ _____
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- I would like to receive the Blakelys' ministry emails
- Please remove me from their mailing list

To give to the Blakelys' ministry, please donate with a check* made payable to **Cadence International** or give online at **Cadence.org/Blakely**

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