

David & Joyce

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Joyce and I want you to know how much you mean to us. One of the benefits of missionary life is the large array of people who stay connected, give toward our financial support, and pray for Cadence and for us. We are so grateful for you!

Philippians 1:3-5 says, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy *because of your partnership in the gospel* from the first day until now."

CADENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Last summer, almost the entire Cadence family gathered for our worldwide conference held every five years at Green Lake, Wisconsin. A group of 364 adults and children assembled, eagerly ready to meet with God and fellowship together. A two-year delay due to the pandemic increased our love for each other and our gratitude for the privilege of gathering.

Our theme was "Unhindered." This Greek word, *akolutos*, is the very last one Luke wrote in the book of Acts. It's a powerful conclusion to the glorious account of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the church's establishment and growth, and the gospel's expansion.



Unhindered! Akolutos!
We long for this to be an increasing reality in our lives and in Cadence.

How delightful it must have been for Luke to pen that word after witnessing and experiencing all the challenges, hardships, persecutions, and opposition that the early church and its leaders faced as they shared the gospel and their lives in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

Yet despite this opposition, the gospel gets the last word! We celebrated this unstoppable gospel through God's unhindered church. As one of the plenary speakers, I focused on the four verbs in the last two verses of Acts which described Paul's ministry in Rome from his place of house arrest: he **stayed**, he **welcomed**, he **taught**

about Jesus, and he **proclaimed** the kingdom of God. It was wonderful to have Joyce's brother, Dr. Steve Patty of Dialogues in Action, and Dr. Juli Slattery of Authentic Intimacy, join me as plenary speakers.

Another exciting highlight this past year is the continued pioneering and growth of the **Cadence Alumni Ministry**. A long-time dream of Joyce's father, Dick Patty, God is blessing this ministry through the leadership and pastoring of Angie and Duncan Sprague. An alumnus is anyone who has participated, served, or volunteered in an OCSC/Cadence ministry. Joyce often says about these dear people: "We loved you then, we love you now, and we will always love you."



Angie and Duncan spent a year on an **Alumni RV Tour** gathering and meeting with alumni across the United States. Joyce and I participated in some of these gatherings, and the testimonies we heard from our alumni were powerful and so encouraging. If you are a Cadence ministry alum and want to learn more about opportunities to connect, be encouraged, and participate with the Cadence of today, go to Cadence.org/Alumni.

A final highlight from the past year was seeing our staff's impact in the lives of military people and their families, especially young people of Gen Z serving in the military. One of the five elements of the Cadence Way is the privilege we have of shaping these young lives in the context of a powerful community of believers, often in our homes which we call hospitality houses. See the Cadence Way at Cadence.org.

Thank you for partnering with us on behalf of men and women in uniform and their families!

SCHROEDER SUPPORT

It has been a long time since we've mentioned our support needs. We are so grateful for financial partners who make



our ministry with Cadence possible through their faithful generosity. Joyce and I have a fantastic team of supporters, some who have been with us since we began our full-time Cadence journey in 1986! There are not enough synonyms for the word “thankful” to express our love and appreciation for our financial and prayer partners.

We now need to grow our ministry partnership team. Because of some unexpected loss of income for Cadence and our Headquarters, those who are missionary leadership are all seeking to raise additional funds. Our personal missionary support directly offsets the income needed for Cadence to hire accountants, HR staff, and communications specialists who are not on missionary support. This Headquarters team is essential for sustaining our field ministries and the overall mission of Cadence. The Headquarters budget also supplies what our missionary funds do not cover, which is a great blessing to us as stateside HQ missionaries.

Joyce and I are asking God to provide an additional \$2,500 in monthly income to our existing support base. If you are not currently part of the Schroeder support team, would you prayerfully consider partnering with us in this wonderful ministry of Cadence International? We are convinced that ministry to the military is a wise and fruitful investment of time, talent, and treasure.

If God should lead you to become one of our financial partners, go to Cadence.org/Schroeder to sign up, or you may use the QR code provided. Whether or not you can give, we thank you for your love, friendship, and prayers. You each mean so much to us!

FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to **Joyce’s** many responsibilities at Cadence, she serves as Vice-Chair for the Board of Trustees of Multnomah University. She also continues to work diligently in her Doctor of Ministry program at Denver Seminary where she will soon complete her second year. She loves the robust learning experience.

Joyce’s mom, **Margaret**, is doing well at 95 years of age. We are grateful she continues to live a couple of blocks from us in the home she and Dick shared for so many years. She misses him very much but is also embracing this new season with faith and courage.

Speaking of new seasons, **Kerith and Jake** have both started new jobs in our local public school district, Kerith as an elementary para-educator and Jake as a secondary Culinary Arts teacher. Joyce and I are biased grandparents, but we think their kids are amazing and thriving human beings! Thank you for your prayers for grandson **Davey**. He has come a long way since his adoption two years ago.

Kyrie and Jake recently welcomed their son **Lewis** into the world. We had the privilege and joy of being at the hospital with them for his birth. Kyrie also completed her second full year as a math teacher at a high school in Salem, and Jake continues to work as a tax accountant.

Justin finished his second year as the sole grades 8–9 English teacher at a charter school here in the Denver area. We found out recently that his ninth graders scored highest among 28 charter schools in his county in reading improvement and achievement—a great accomplishment. On a sadder note, some of you may know Justin went through a heartbreaking divorce.

Jonathan continues to grow his videography business. He booked over 40 weddings last year and is very busy with this year’s events, including a recent destination wedding in Ireland.

I completed my twenty-eighth year of leadership of Cadence on July 4. I continue to enjoy serving our Cadence team and the military community from this place of ministry and responsibility. My need for God’s strength and your prayers never lets up.

Thank you for tracking with us and praying for our family and Cadence. We love keeping up with and praying for so many of you through social media, Christmas letters, and other communications. May our great God bless you abundantly as you also share His unhindered gospel from your place and story.

Gratefully,
David, for Joyce and the family



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