Come Thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Robert Robinson in 1758 at age 22

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Dear friends, family, and ministry partners,

Fall is in full swing in Korea. We are experiencing cooler weather, rice harvesting is finished, fall flowers have bloomed and gone, and many Korean holidays indicate the change in season. While I (Jeff) will miss the summer, I am glad the bugs are gone (it is hard to ride a bike at night when you hit swarm after swarm of gnats you don't see). The summer was a challenging season for our family as we had many health issues, but we saw God working despite it. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for our health as our kids faced multiple surgeries and asthma-related issues, and then our whole family had COVID-19 (Candace and I still have lingering coughs).

Despite our health issues, God's ministry continues to move forward. The older boys started attending AWANA,

which has given me a chance to meet one-on-one with some Soldiers every Wednesday to disciple them. Our van was finally registered with the military, and we are now able to drive on post after an entire year of taxis and catching rides from others! I have continued serving on the church worship team, and we have built more relationships with the worship team members, especially with the leader and her husband.

Candace started attending the Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) Bible studies again each Wednesday. It has given her more opportunities to engage with the military spouses here. Earlier this summer, she was published in a local magazine where she shared the challenges and joys of being a military wife (I'm a proud husband)! She has also been able to meet with several ladies one-on-one to disciple them and has more freedom to meet during the week since our driving access is available again. I started a men's weekly prayer breakfast and was invited to speak at a men's breakfast in October, where I taught on Galatians 5 for about two dozen men. We continue to meet every Friday and are still working our way through Luke (we are finally in Chapter 9). I prepare discussion questions to be used after each message, when I break everyone into groups to discuss the passage and try to apply it to our lives. This discussion time has led to so many great conversations, deep questions about God and life, and moments of vulnerability as people share hurts in their lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the Soldiers and families who cannot go home for the holidays, that they will find peace and joy this Christmas.
- We need long-term babysitters it has been challenging to find consistent help.
- Pray that God would grow my men's prayer group. My desire is that we would have a large group praying for this community every week.
- For health and rest for our family over the busy winter season.
- For wisdom and discernment for Jeff as he mentors a couple of single Soldiers who want to grow in maturity in their faith.







The summer was also full of goodbyes, as most Soldiers PCS (Permanent Change of Station) in the summer to coincide with school breaks. As I look at photos from the ministry a year ago, there are very few faces that are the same. But as people leave, new ones come to replace them, and we still have a pretty full house every week. Our group now has more families than last year and many more young kids. Please be in prayer for more consistent childcare workers; it has been a challenge for Candace to make the arrangements every week. There are also four infants in the group (including a set of twins), and more are expected as our Cadence missionary co-workers here are expecting their first child this winter! It is so great (and noisy) to see the kids running around like hooligans, laughing and screeching each week.

A couple of weeks ago, we held our second annual Reformation Day celebration and had several single Soldiers over, along with a good friend and her son. We ate a ton of



German bratwursts, sauerkraut, and red cabbage and enjoyed s'mores by the fire on the roof. While sitting around the fire, I shared a brief history of Luther's work and why we celebrate Reformation Day,

and then we sang "A Might Fortress is our God." We are so grateful that by Scripture alone we find salvation, which is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone. A new Soldier attended who has only been in Korea for a few months, and he was so happy to have a home-cooked meal for the first time in about a year (he just finished Basic and Advanced Individual Training).

We are looking forward to the holidays just around the corner and have several events planned for our community to spend time together. Thanksgiving, cookie decorating, and Christmas Day together will make for a busy but joyous schedule. While celebrating holidays can be really fun, many miss their loved ones back home, and it can be a very bittersweet time. Please pray for God's love, peace, and joy



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to be felt by everyone who enters our home. We strive to welcome everyone, but some days, nothing beats being with your loved ones at home.

Thank you to all who are donating items for Christmas stockings again this year. We are overwhelmed by your enthusiasm and cannot wait until we can give them to our Soldiers and their families. Without your continued support, we could not continue ministry here at Camp Humphreys. God has provided so mightily for us the last few years, and we know He will continue to do so. Our support has dropped this past year for various reasons as people's life situations change. Would you please consider joining our financial partner team either with a special gift or on a regular basis? If you are already giving, thank you so much! Would you consider increasing your support in 2024?

With love, **The Waltons**



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Homeschool is in full swing for the older boys, and Joshua began attending a Korean preschool. This has given Candace more time to focus on teaching the older two, and Joshua is having a blast playing with kids his age. He has had to miss quite a few days as he busted his toe and needed stitches, and then two weeks later, he had a massive double ear infection which required putting tubes in his ears. He is a trooper, though, and is back to his normal, crazy self. Eli and Kirk continue to grow quickly, and Eli is starting to creep up toward Candace's height. Food is starting to get scarce in our house!

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