

# Tim & Michelle

Serving with Cadence International

## Bradford

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### *Family, Friends, and Supporters!*

First, thank you for your generous prayers and support! It has been a joy to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the men and women of the US Army. As we reflect over the last 19 months, it's refreshing and encouraging to see the many ways that God has used us to speak His truth and encouragement into His people. It has been humbling to remember how people have come to us for marriage support, parenting support, and to receive help to break free from their sins. Being a place of refuge and safe counsel is our privilege while serving this community.

This year, we were able to take three separate trips to the children's home in the Czech Republic. These are mission trips to serve the kids of the home through our soldiers/families sharing their love of Christ with generous acts of service/time. Each trip includes a short message of how our love for Christ leads to our love and service to them. Many of these kids have been through horrible and traumatic events. The Gospel of Jesus is experienced as we are His hands/feet, serving, loving, and giving to these sweet kiddos. It is a neat experience to go back every few months. We get to see them grow, and slowly we develop relationships with the different members of the home.

This year, we:

- Saw our daughter Mara come to a saving belief in Christ Jesus as Lord AND be baptized during the Cadence Worldwide Conference this summer! What a JOY!
- Provided a meal at the USO on post, feeding 125 soldiers and family members.
- Held a Christian worship concert at the General's barn. There were over 100 people in attendance and they each heard the Gospel clearly communicated.
- Provided luggage, toiletries, groceries, and the New Testament Book of John in Russian to the Ukrainian refugees. Only the Lord will ever know the impact on those sweet people. However, the short time we were able, our community was blessed to be the hands and feet of Jesus to these hurting people!
- Saw increases (due to the Russian/Ukraine conflict) in the cost of living for Germany, especially the utility bills and food. We are grateful for God's safety and provision during this time.
- We hosted holiday meals and festivities for soldiers and their families.

At the Graf House we have studied exegetically through 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, James and are now working through 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel. We have also completed a 5-week study on Apologetics, a 4-week study on how to read God's word, and 3 weeks on what radical hospitality looks like outside of the Graf House. Our goal is to equip these believers to go and make more disciples wherever they go. The Lord can use the homes of those willing to open it hospitably. Please be praying that the model we display here is helpful in their future household Gospel work! It has been a joy to hear of those in our community growing in their walk with Christ! Ultimately, this was possible because of your generous giving and prayerful support! The words "Thank you" simply aren't enough!

Our family continues to adjust to the culture, homeschooling world, and ministry life. God is gracious to provide wisdom and discernment regarding the adjustments we have needed. Tim still serves as the worship leader for the main Protestant Service for the on-post Chapel. He has been welcomed on the pastoral staff advisory team and helps the Chaplains with their weekly contribution to the "Newcomers" briefing. Michelle has found better grounding for homeschool





which has helped with everyone feeling more settled. She recently completed a 10-week women's Bible study that focused on seeing Jesus in Genesis. The hope is to continue the remainder of the series, *Seeing Jesus through the Old Testament*, by Nancy Guthrie. Aaralyn (16) is continuing to do well with her Christian academy online. She is quite the mature teenager who is a great help in the kitchen and baby childcare area! Mara (11) is a gracious and kind young lady. She is in love with horseback riding and looks forward to spending more time with horses! Andy (9) is an active and hilarious little man. He is very active and loves to be in the thick of whatever is going on! Marian (8) is an abundance of joy! She is always humming and singing as she walks around the house. Our family had a great visit back to the states this summer, however, coming back to Germany felt like home. Nothing beats the feeling of coming home after a long journey! We are grateful!

When we arrived on the field in May 2021, we were at 100% financial funding for our monthly totals. Thank you! After our first year on the field, there has been decreases

in financial giving, leaving a need of \$450/month. *Would you prayerfully consider joining our team of supporters—or—increasing your current gifts to help offset this loss?* Any gift amount is helpful! We cannot do this work without God's provision through the faithful giving of His people. Our family would be extremely grateful for your prayerful consideration of joining our support team this 2023 year.

It's hard to imagine a different life at this point. While there are still many challenges to living in this culture, we are so grateful for the Lord's faithfulness and graciousness to our family AND the entire Graf House community. These military men/women are a worthy investment! Thank you for being a part of this Gospel work and willingly partnering with us in prayer and financial support!

Grateful and Humbled,

**The Bradford Family**  
(Tim, Michelle, Aaralyn, Mara, Andy, and Marian)



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