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Dear friends,

They come from all four corners of the country and many states in between. They herald from states like Washington and California, Hawaii and Colorado, Texas, Georgia, and Virginia. Some call Wisconsin or North Carolina home; one even claims Tsushima City in Japan as home. All have left family and friends only to become family and friends to many others. All of them have learned to live in a new culture. Some are taught how to drive on the opposite side of the road, and all of them have learned new customs and eat different foods. They are instantly recognized as “foreigners” because of their skin color, no matter how hard they try to fit in.

There is one other distinction that is represented by all of them. Each of them holds fast to the passage in I Thessalonians 2:8 that says, “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.”

Who are these people who have moved across the world? They are our team scattered around Korea and Japan. Between them, they lead 12 different ministries focused on our U.S. military at eight different bases. People like Duncan and Suzanne, who just recently left a church in Washington after 20 years of ministry, as well as their three college-aged children so that they can minister to the families at Yokosuka Navy base. On any given Friday night, up to 80 people come through the doors for a physical, but more importantly, a spiritual meal. Or others like Darrow and Vicki Frazier who have called the town of Kin on Okinawa home for the past dozen years or so. On Friday evenings, they have up to 50 single Marines from Camp Hanson Marine base come to their house for a home-cooked meal, lots of hugs, and time exploring the Word. And there is Sarah, who left a teaching career in Florida to come and lead a children’s ministry on Camp Kinzer for the families stationed there.

All in all, they lead children’s ministries and youth ministries. They open their homes for adult ministries and oversee chapel programs for lower enlisted Airmen. On any given week, well over 350 people come through the doors of their different ministries, where they are loved, disciplined, taught the Word, and often receive a home-cooked meal to top it all off.

For the past 12 years, Bonnie and I have had the privilege of leading this team of Cadence missionaries. It is our joy to be able to visit each ministry to care for those who care for so many others. We listen to their joys and trials, hear what it is like to raise their children overseas, cheer



Suzanne & Duncan Forbes



Darrow & Vicki Frazier



Sarah Rooney



Past Asia Staff Conference Team

them on in ministry, and seek to be an encouragement to them. One of the ways we do this is by holding an annual conference where we bring them all together for a week of sharing, listening, and training, all while we give them a much-needed break from the stress of leading ministries. We let them receive rather than be the givers.

This year, our conference is April 3–8. Bonnie and I will be traveling to Tokyo, Japan, to host this conference, leaving home on March 27 and returning on April 13. We covet your prayers for us, that we will remain healthy, and more

importantly, that we will be able to encourage those who have counted the cost and left families and homes to be just that for so many others.

And thank each of you who faithfully pray and give so that we can continue to serve. It is because you support us that we can continue to serve others. We count it a privilege to lead this team and a joy to partner with you as we do so.

Love,
Dave and Bonnie

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