

To our dear family and friends,

We hope you are doing well! We'd like to take a few minutes and fill you in on our ministry and lives.

We invite you to help Larry and me introduce those we serve in the military community to the healing and redemptive power found in Jesus Christ through our Cadence International hospitality house. We give them a place to stay, provide counseling, resources, faith-inspired articles, our personal time, physical and spiritual food, and more. Many young folks join the military filled with pain and darkness. Cadence is all about reaching out to those who are hurting and broken.

Your commitment to this ministry can help restore joy to couples and singles at a time when folks are feeling the crushing weight of stress and uncertainties. They are angry, hurting, and mad at God. Inflation, political upheaval, and conflicts within our society have people struggling more than ever, and many are on the brink of divorce or suicide. The requests for help are growing every day. Thank you to those who support our work! Our services depend on the generosity of friends like you. Will you please consider investing in our ministry so we can continue serving hurting military members and their families? We are working full-time with Cadence but still need to raise more support to be fully funded. We are hopeful that God will provide.

MINISTRY UPDATE

We are working very closely with the Fort Eustis chaplains and Soldiers. Recently, chaplains called upon us to host a military ceremony here at the house, where we provided all the amenities. We have also served meals at several functions on base. In November 2023, we were asked to house SSgt. Gabriella Fleming. She stayed with us for two and a half months while she went through a very difficult time in her life. On April 18, we were presented with a certificate by her unit, the 71st Transportation Battalion (Expediters), for our outstanding support to their men and women. On April 17, 2024, we attended a volunteer recognition ceremony at Fort Eustis where Larry and I were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Joint Base Langley Eustis.



Of course, we continue to host weekly dinners and offer Bible studies every Sunday afternoon. We host monthly birthday parties at Langley Lanes Bowling Center for those who have birthdays that month. On March 10–15, we attended our Cadence Eastern Regional Conference at Saint Simons Island, Georgia, with other Eastern Field staff. We left there feeling renewed, refreshed, and equipped.

OUTDOOR PROJECT

We are still seeking help to fund a one-time special outdoor project where our military community can fellowship, play, and refresh. We want the warriors and their families to have a place where they can seek God and feel His presence, encourage each other, and build a sense of Christian community. We need eight to ten benches for a prayer and meditation space, a playground set, and recreational areas, which will allow us to host gatherings of diverse sizes. We want parents to have opportunities to fellowship with other adults while their children enjoy the playground.

We are hosting a banquet to help raise funds for this project. You are invited to our Cadence International Ministry Banquet on Saturday, May 25, 2024. It will be held at Community Bible Church from 3:00–5:30 p.m. The address is 633 Harpersville Road, Newport News, Virginia. We would





A SPECIAL NOTE FROM SSGT. FLEMING

To the friends and partners of Larry & Brender, BB Blakely,

Mr. and Mrs. Blakely have opened their home to me and my family when we have needed it the most. They received us with open arms and so much love. I am very grateful to have found them in this time of great sorrow for my family, but as they have taught me, it is also a time to reconnect with our Father. Thanks to them, I am able to see a promising future for my family due to the strong faith they teach and believe in. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Blakely, for the shelter, the warm meals every night, and the unconditional love you have given me. A great thank you to all those who've donated and helped make all this possible.

With much love, Gabriela Fleming

love to have you join us! If you are unable to come, please consider giving a one-time donation.

We are also having a yard sale/flea market fundraiser in June. The exact date will be announced soon. Please let us know if you are doing spring cleaning or moving and have items to donate. To learn more or to give to the Outdoor Project, visit Cadence.org/Blakely-Outdoor-Project.



FAMILY UPDATE

Oh my, where do I start with what's happening in our family? I will keep it short. Many of our family members are suffering. Brender's brother Larry, who is diabetic, is home in hospice care. Brender's sister, Linda, is very ill with multiple issues. Our daughter, Carla, is struggling with seizures daily. In the month of March, we traveled twice to Huntsville, Alabama, to see Brender's siblings. We also drove to College Station, Texas, to see our dear Carla. Our son, Isaac, is looking to change his career to Cyber Security.

PRAYER NEEDS

- Financial support and hands-on volunteers for the Outdoor Special Project.
- Souls to be saved and spiritual growth for those we serve.
- More monthly supporters so we will be fully funded.
- Volunteers to help with the ministry.
- Healing for BB's brother and sister and our daughter, Carla.

We are thankful for you!

Gratefully,
Larry and BB



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