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Makaiyla, Zach, Christian, and Rachel

Graduation season is here. It's a time for goodbyes and reflection. Before our students leave, we would love to introduce you to some of them as they are getting ready for their next life assignment . . .

Among those who make up the Hill City Hospitality House are Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) students working on their bachelor's degrees. Some ROTC students are new to the military, but we have grown to know and love two couples who are active-duty Soldiers in the Army's "Green to Gold" program. They are enlisted Soldiers who have been selected by the Army to become commissioned officers. For the last two years, Zach & Makaiyla and Christian & Rachel have been centrally involved in our ministry. Not only have we seen them grow in Christ and their marriages, but we have also watched them serve others and grow in leadership. Here's what Christian has to say about his and Rachel's experience in our ministry:

The Cadence hospitality house here in Lynchburg is an answered prayer. I am an active-duty Soldier, and when we came to Lynchburg, my wife and I were unsure what kind of community we would have, so we prayed. God brought us Rick and Paula and the community we desperately needed. Over the last two years, they have mentored us and have allowed us to develop our small-group leadership skills through Bible studies throughout the week. God has been good to us through them.

Christian, to partially fulfill his degree program internship, has been leading a men's group at the hospitality house. An Air Force veteran, a potential Army chaplain candidate, ROTC students, military brats, reserves, and I (Rick) have been meeting each Tuesday in our home. In April, a series of text messages were exchanged among the group that I would love to share with you with their permission:

Zach 8:13 PM

Tryna [trying to] practice some things here. I appreciate this group of men as every time I leave the session, I feel a positive sense on life in which I feel I can have joy in the disciplines required of God.

John 8:16 PM

Equally. Zach you remind me a lot of my older brothers. And my life is filled with a lot of hurt from watching each of them walk away from the Lord. So it's super uplifting and encouraging to me to see you pursue God. I love it, and it makes me more fired up about God every men's group session.

Christian 8:31 PM

It's so awesome and encouraging to read these messages, I feel the same sense of life that you're talking about Zach, and am excited about our sessions every week. I've enjoyed being a witness to everyone's growth and I'm uplifted by it. Thank you all for your dedication and choice to be in the group. I love you guys.

Jonny 8:59 PM

This group has been a rock for me in a very turbulent season of my life. I've never had such an awesome opportunity to be poured into and shown what a man of God truly looks like. I know we don't have a whole lot of time left together, but I can't wait to see how God continues to grow all of us as men and prepare us for the next season He has planned for us!

Trent 9:11 PM

Also if y'all could pray for me tonight . . .

It's our privilege to serve those who serve and those who have served. We don't normally have a lot of ROTC students in the mix, but it has been a good dynamic for our group. Please pray with us as some are moving away and for those we will meet this summer.

- Christian and Rachel have orders to report to Fort Cavazos (formerly Ft. Hood).
- Zach and Makaiyla will be moving to Fort Novosel (formerly Fort Rucker), Alabama, for pilot training.
- Pray they will find good, healthy community as they continue to seek the Lord in their next assignments.
- Pray we will quickly connect with the next group of students and veterans.

Love in Christ,
Rick & Paula Scott



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