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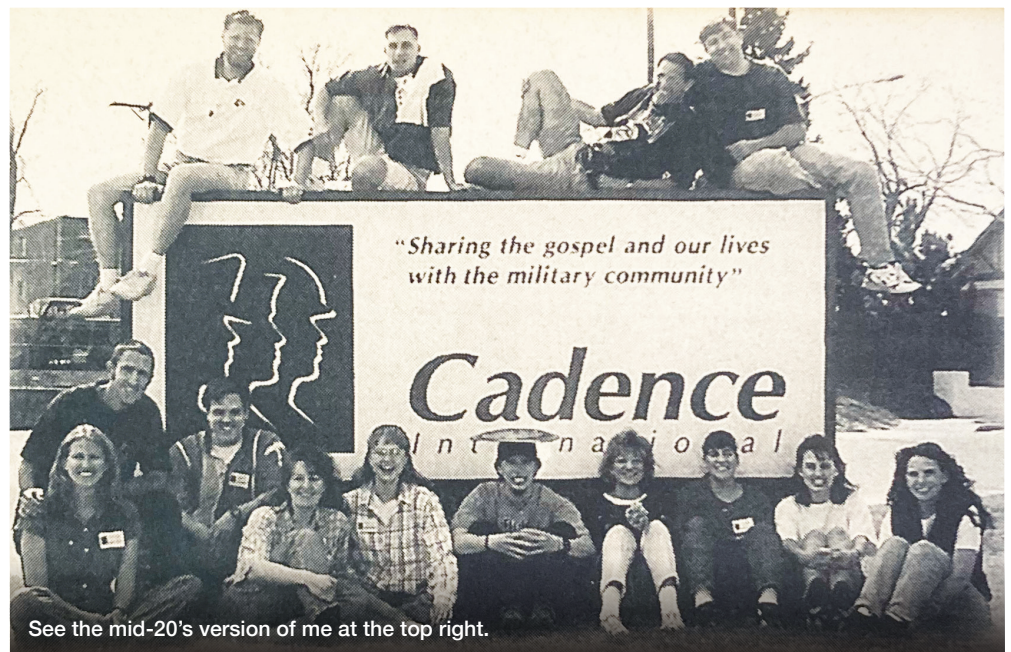
*I love You, Lord  
For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God*

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A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to be a part of Cadence's Fall Candidacy as a part of the selection committee. It was my first time participating in Candidacy since I joined Cadence in 1998. Let me tell you, a lot has changed since I joined the mission all those years ago! I was very impressed by the quality of the men and women who had applied to join Cadence. I was also blessed by the hard work our mobilization team spent recruiting and vetting the candidates who were applying.



See the mid-20's version of me at the top right.

As we went through the interview process, I reflected on each of the candidates' excitement. I was struck by their passion to serve military people and their desire to share the Gospel and their lives with those that they would encounter. It was a great reminder of the deep hunger I had as a young twenty-something preparing to go into overseas ministry. I saw a similar passion in each of the candidates' eyes that I felt in being willing to go wherever God would lead.



Ethan and I following his appointment as a Cadence missionary.

I have been so incredibly thankful for the opportunity to serve across the world in each community and role in which God has led us. Just the other night, I had the blessing of sharing reflections on our ministry career with members of the Well Hospitality House at Luke AFB in Phoenix. I am so deeply grateful for the way God has used us across our assignments. I shared from 2 Timothy 2:2 about the way we have sought to share the Gospel and invest in reliable people who will be faithful to share the Gospel with others.

I reflected on face after face of men, women, students, and Cadence staff that we have had the privilege to serve. I can think of so many different lessons, Bible studies, one-on-one meetings, training calls, visits, and divine appointments where God has allowed us to speak with someone during a moment of opportunity or in sharing life together. Those interactions had a transformative power that will be seen best in the light of eternity.

I am so thankful to work with an organization where we have been allowed to grow and mature in sharing the Gospel and our lives with those we serve. Looking back, I am aware that God has used the investment of so many to help us grow and develop. I think of the field leaders, chaplains, co-workers, volunteers, and friends that have invested in us. I am also grateful for the opportunity to invest in the next wave of missionaries preparing to begin their service in addition to our responsibilities in the WestPac Field.

I am thankful for God's provision of new people to "be the next wave." It was even more significant for me since one of our own former interns was one of the applicants. I was so excited to see Ethan McCraney invited to be a missionary with Cadence. I had tears in my eyes as I read 2 Timothy 2:1-3 to him as words of encouragement at his appointment.

It has also made me so thankful for your partnership in the Gospel. You have joined with us over the years and across the world in ministry. You have had an impact on the lives of those same men and women as you have encouraged us, prayed for us, and given to allow us to serve those we serve. On behalf of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Guardians, and Cadets across the WestPac Field who get to be impacted through those we lead, we thank you!

We are so thankful for the reminders of our calling that was given during the week of candidacy to continue to carry forward. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. May we all run well the race marked before us for God's glory.

#### **Nate for the Johnsons**

**“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”**

**2 TIMOTHY 2:1-3**



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