







Merry Christmas, friends and family!

As we pause to reflect on this year, we are grateful. Here is an update on our family and the ministry from this year.

Ethan turned eleven and is growing into an independent, hard-working young man who loves the outdoors. It's a struggle for him to get through his schoolwork each day, but he delights in having free time in the afternoons to explore the woods, work with his hands, and be creative. Ethan loves playing baseball and is happiest when pitching, playing shortstop, or playing first base.

Wyatt turns ten this December and is still the sweet, mild-tempered boy he's always been. He has a big heart for others and has learned new skills this year. He has been self-motivated to learn Chinese on Duolingo and has started learning how to play the piano. Wyatt also loves playing baseball. He enjoys any infield position, is a great pitcher, and is one of the few catchers who can confidently catch Ethan's fast pitches.

Noelle is an eight-year-old girly girl who also holds her own when interacting with her brothers. She loves to draw and write and has begun journaling and writing her own stories this year. She loves her cat and treats him like she's his mom. This year, Noelle started taking ballet lessons at a local Christian ballet company and is very excited about her first recital in December.

RJ is a man of many hobbies. This summer, he found great joy in growing a bountiful garden of vegetables and medicinal plants. We were able to can almost 70 quarts of green beans, experiment with multiple pickle recipes, and dry numerous herbs in hopes of making homemade medicinal balms. He enjoys being creative and trying new things. RJ also took Ethan on his first hunting trip this year. They spent a few days looking for deer and came home empty-handed, but they had fun making memories together.

I still homeschool the kids. Most days are challenging, but it is also rewarding to know that as the kids learn new things, I am part of that process. I also stepped up as a co-director of our homeschool co-op at church. We have 35 families and over 120 participants. I have the privilege of teaching an overview of the Old Testament during our morning worship time. If I'm not teaching the kids, you'll likely find me trying a new recipe or making an old family favorite recipe in the kitchen.

Elizabeth is still living with us. This November marked the third year she's been helping us with the kids (watching them so we can have date nights and helping them with school), keeping the house clean, and helping in ministry (shopping and preparing meals for Friday nights and building relationships with soldiers).

One of our Soldiers, Dalton, just completed a six-month internship with us as he transitions out of the Army. In October, he joined Cadence as a missionary and plans to stay here in Washington and help with men's ministry. We look forward to him partnering with RJ to lead men's Bible studies and discipleship.

We also still work with our partner, Jennessa, who's served in military ministry for over 20 years. We've been working together since we arrived at Joint Base Lewis McChord in 2020. It's been a fun journey to see how God has not only been growing the ministry as Soldiers come each week but also as He sends more laborers to help.

Over 200,000 people work at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, so the five of us are only scratching the surface of sharing the gospel with the men and women who work here. Every Friday, we serve dinner and lead Bible study. Throughout the week, we provide small groups and discipleship. We also lead casual activities such as hiking, game nights, and retreats to foster friendship with one another and deepen our relationships with Christ.

As you celebrate Christmas with your families, we want to thank you for prayerfully and financially supporting us in being the hands and feet of Jesus to the Soldiers stationed here. As the ministry continues to grow, the cost of living increases, and we dream big about future projects for the Cadence property where we live, we are grateful for your faithful generosity.

Merry Christmas!

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