

# Sneller Salute



Recently, Rebecca shared a reflection on a Cadence staff call. We wanted to share it with you all too:

A few weeks ago, God blindsided me with a blessing and an exhortation. Our ministry has many families with young children. My birthday fell on a ministry night, and many of the kids brought homemade cards for me. I was not expecting that, and it kind of overwhelmed me (in a good way).

God used one in particular to remind me of something. The card, written by a 6-year-old boy, said, “Dear Miss Rebecca, thank you for doing Cadence house and thank you for inviting us to Cadence house. Happy Birthday!” He had drawn a huge open Bible underneath his words, and as he handed me the card, he made sure I saw the Bible. This little gesture from the kids spoke so loudly to me about the honor we have to minister not only to adults but also their children.



I used to be an elementary teacher and a children’s minister, but twelve years ago, Deric and I signed up for Cadence adult ministry; that’s our main focus, and—to be completely transparent—sometimes hosting kids at the house can feel peripheral, not to mention chaotic and stressful. God used that night to remind me of the impact He’s making in their lives and to pay attention to what an honor it is to be part of that. What a blessing and gift these precious children are!

It humbled me and gave me a flashback to thirty-five years ago when I was a loud little Army kid, often with a bright red Kool-Aid mustache, hyped up on sugar, running around with a gaggle of other kids in a Cadence hospitality house in Germany. My younger brothers and



Young Rebecca at Ludwigsburg Hospitality House



House birthday celebrations

## PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the children who attend our hospitality house would know God is real as I did.
- Pray for their parents, especially those who are first-generation Christians. We all have questions and concerns about parenting, and we would greatly appreciate your prayers.
- Pray that we will welcome, see, and love all who enter our home, regardless of age.
- Pray that we will respond with love and grace when things get chaotic.
- Pray that we will recognize “praise pauses” like this that remind us of the honor of sharing the gospel and our lives with military people.



A Friday night



Tobin helping lead worship

I loved ministry nights. I was only in elementary school, but God used those years in that house in significant ways to grow and develop my faith—things I still remember to this day. The main things I learned during those years are that Jesus is real and Christianity is true, based on what I experienced, the lives I saw transformed, and the testimonies I heard in that ministry.

My time as a “Cadence kid” is a big reason why we serve with Cadence today. When I received those cards from the kids a few weeks ago, I was humbled by the reality that we never know how God is using us to impact others, whatever age they are. I pray that when these kids are adults, they remember this house as a place where they experienced the loving reality of the gospel. Our job is to be faithful, and His job is to bear the fruit, in us and others. I hope this encourages you to be faithful to minister to those around you, wherever he’s placed you.

Much love and God bless,  
**Rebecca Sneller**



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