

Jeff & Candace Walton

HUMPHREY'S HOSPITALITY HOUSE



Mike Martin Teaching on a Friday Night



Homeschool Group

"I keep forgetting that this place technically isn't my home." A Soldier who regularly attends HHH said this to Jeff and I (Candace) this past week while we were standing in the kitchen. He said it with a big smile on his face, and it brought a big smile to our faces as well. He lives in the barracks like so many of the guys and gals who attend. This moment reminded us anew of Cadence's theme verse, 1 Thessalonians 2:8, "In the same way we had a fond affection for you and were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you have become very dear to us."

This Soldier is just one of the people we get to share our lives with here at Humphreys. We are delighted with the privilege of celebrating birthdays, attending softball games, hosting meals, barbecues, and Bible studies, and sharing in their lives as we strive to make disciples here in Korea.

This spring has also been very bittersweet. We have become very close with Soldiers who often come over each week, and now it is time for them to PCS and move on to their next duty station. This season of goodbyes has not been easy. It's part of the job we don't particularly like, and sadly, we are facing more this year. But we know that God is using the military to send our house members to where He has deemed they need to go. And He goes with them! Pray for us as we strive to say goodbye well and to equip these guys and gals to go where God is sending them to "go and make disciples."

This spring has been very cold but has finally become warm enough for the farmers to plant rice. The rice paddies go from muddy and brown to full of green sprouts and water that reflects the sky. Everything is so much prettier now that many things are blooming and turning green. I finally planted my rooftop garden, and I am looking forward to harvesting tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants, and other veggies.

The Monday night men's Bible study is going very well, and Jeff plans to take the group through a purity study this summer. The bonds the group has formed with each other have enabled them to become a brotherhood. Last time the guys were gathered, I thought about the verse in



Praying for a Soldier before she leaves

Psalm 133:1, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Unity is such a struggle here, and it is so good and pleasant to see these men practice purposeful unity with each other. I am so glad my boys get to observe them as examples to follow.

Jeff has assumed a new role with the connections team at the chapel where we serve, Agape Humphreys. There are seven chaplains working and contributing to the chapel now, where there used to be only two! It is a HUGE blessing. We've gotten to know them, and they have been a delight and blessing to work with. Being an Army chaplain is grueling work, and God is showing us new ways to come alongside them and shore them up as they do important work for the gospel at Camp Humphreys. One of the new chaplains asked Jeff to take on this new role, and he has already begun. He is organizing and scheduling many of the volunteers who help at Agape. He will also connect with newcomers by sending them emails and helping them get plugged in. Along with attending the chaplain's weekly meeting, Jeff has met with chaplains one-on-one for lunch and coffee. These men are so busy caring for their flock that they rarely receive care back. The chaplains have all enjoyed these times away with Jeff.

We will be at the chapel more often as Elijah is still serving alongside the AV team, Jeff is drumming (along with his new role), and Kirk, Joshie, and I will be helping in the kitchen to serve coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings. Later this summer, we will also be helping one of the chaplains host a Soldier's retreat in Busan this July. Pray for us as we take our Soldiers away for a time to learn more about the gospel and how to share it!

KidzKorner:

The boys are working hard to finish this homeschool year and are ready for summer! We hope to spend many hours by the pool, eat tons of delicious watermelon, and get Joshie potty-trained (pray for me). When they are together, a wrestling match often spontaneously breaks out, and once they are worn out, they move on to playing in the park or building with Legos. If we had a dollar for every Lego piece we own, we'd probably be millionaires. As an end-of-school-year project, the boys helped make a Lego stop-animation film with our homeschool group. They worked really hard! Kirk oversaw the set design, and Elijah wrote the script. It was a retelling of the story of Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah. And since nine boys were making the film, there was a smattering of Star Wars and Minecraft references throughout!



A perfect example of Soldiers being Soldiers



Celebrating our 14th Anniversary at Suwon Fortress

Speaking of summer, we will be home for a visit next summer in 2026! We are excited to return home for two months to see you all! We've missed you all A LOT, and we cannot wait to reconnect with you guys and share what God has been doing. Please let us know if you would like us to visit. We will let you know soon what dates we will be traveling back, and your feedback will help us develop our itinerary. Our main goal for the visit is to meet with our supporters, give updates to our churches, and raise additional support for our increasing expenses.

Thank you all for your continued prayers. We see them working out here every day.

- Please keep praying for a building for HHH and the funding needed to go with it.
- Please pray that our boys will continue to walk faithfully after the Lord.
- Pray that our youngest, Joshua, comes to know Jesus soon.
- Please pray for unity in Jesus! There are so many relationships that are hurt, broken, and unhealed.
- Please also continue to pray for our health. We have been much better health-wise this year. God has also provided some answers for my swollen thyroid. Pray I can maintain the diet that has already helped with my thyroid.

I want to end with a huge praise! Baby Cassius, the little guy who was in the NICU whom you faithfully bathed in prayer, is doing phenomenally! Every time I see him, he has grown longer and chunkier. You would never know this cheerful, chunky baby was a NICU baby. God is so good!! Thank you for your prayers. We praise our great God who answers prayers!

With much gratitude,
The Waltons

*"Behold how good and
how pleasant it is when
brothers dwell in unity!"*

PSALM 133:1



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