

Serving with Cadence International

Eric & Janet Thimell

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Good morning, Dear Ones!

We are well into summer and about to celebrate **SIX YEARS** at Victory Ranch. We just sold our home in Mountain Home, Idaho, so we really are here.

There have been so many great changes at Victory Ranch under Trevor and Jennifer Claypool's new leadership. Recently, a team from McConnell Baptist Church in Georgia installed two new bathrooms in the main lodge. This was a huge labor of love and talent. That makes four additional (and much-needed) bathrooms we have built since arriving in 2019.

Plumbing issues, electrical and A/C problems, road upgrades, downed trees, new ducks, a floating dock, lighting in the barn, siding issues on the lodge, installation of new

faucets, and much more are a big part of our work. We continue to host a volunteer lunch every Thursday. Victory Ranch also has an intern, Elizabeth Elder, who has lovingly poured into the lives of military youth.

We have hosted all sorts of recent activities: an Eastern Field men's retreat, two youth retreats, chaplain retirement celebrations, spiritual resiliency training for Army units, chaplain students' training events, women's retreats, chapel services, and more. The calendar stays fairly full. We are also beginning to plan for fall events, such as a family day for our Shaw Air Force Base community.

Eric continues to lead the Protestant Men of the Chapel at Shaw, and I (Janet) am gearing up to teach through 1 Peter this fall to the ladies of Shaw. We attend chapel on Sunday mornings at Shaw, and those people have become so dear to us. We also attend the Revive service at Fort Jackson on Sunday nights and count it a privilege to be on the team, as they serve students primarily from the Army Chaplain Candidate Basic Course, as well as the Advanced Course for senior Army chaplains. The students stay in the area for up to half a year. I attend a young women's Bible study on Mondays for Shaw women and play the part of resident grandma. We attend the enlisted-led Bible study, also at Shaw, on Thursday nights and enjoy watching these young people grow in their faith.



Eric and I have recently been appointed Cadence Ambassadors and are indefinitely assigned to Victory Ranch. This means we have fewer training obligations and can slow down a bit at the Ranch. Eric just celebrated his 76th birthday, and I am 70. (Those numbers still seem impossible!) Nothing else has changed that much, and we continue to be engaged at the Ranch and on the two military bases. We are always so grateful, beyond words, for your financial and prayer support, and we will continue to be so!

We are also open for visitors! Our guest room is ready, and our door is wide open, so count yourselves invited. We will show you around Columbia and Sumter and just might put you to work at the Ranch! Trevor and Jen have never met a stranger and would also extend a hearty welcome. And of course, we always have food.

Most everyone has our off-Ranch address, but please note it in case you don't.

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Thank you all again for your love and care for us. Let us know how we can pray for you.

In His love and service, for His glory,

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