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Fran, a Cadence Alumni, wrote: *I met you when your office was a traveling singing ministry. I can't wait to see your next "office."*



The family surprised David and helped him move out of his office of 30 years



Some of the finest leaders we have had the honor of working with at HQ: Angie Sprague, Director of Alumni, Natalie Harper, CFO/VP for Administration, Stacy Wiens, former Director of Communications

Dear Friends,

Thank you for *being* our friends. Thank you for reading this letter and for your care and prayers. We have several important updates to share with you.

WE ARE NOT RETIRING, BUT . . .

David recently wrapped up 30 years serving as the President of Cadence International. In 1994, as we were happily involved in a very fruitful ministry to military youth in Germany, the Cadence board chair, Liam Atchison, asked David to apply for the position of president which would be opening up in 1995. This conversation was during lunch at the winter Bible conference in Switzerland, and we had to clarify if Liam was serious. He was.

I remember several weeks later David told me he thought he should honor the board's request for him to apply. In my heart I prayed, "Oh no, Lord, if you are moving David's heart to apply, this could be what you have for us!" And though it wasn't in our plans for our lives, it was in God's, as He clearly led—from that first conversation to an application, interview with the board, and a move to the States in January of 1995. Our "oh no" became our next "yes" to God. David became the fourth president of Cadence International on July 4, 1995 (my dad was the second). And on July 11, 2025, the board appointed David as President Emeritus and installed Dave Hutchings as the fifth president.

In June, Cadence held a celebration of David's and my 30 years of service at our mission Headquarters. I shared that Psalm 78:72 has long been our favorite leadership verse. "And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them." Having had a front row seat to my David's life and leadership in these years, I bear witness to how he consistently lived this verse. His integrity was marked by love and his skill was marked by wisdom. This

celebration was very meaningful, and we invite you to watch the recording at: Cadence.org/Schroeder-celebration.

We are grateful for God's provision of Dave Hutchings as the new President of Cadence. Dave and his wife Andrea are veteran missionaries, having served in both Europe and Asia, with student and adult ministries. The last four years Dave served as the VP for Field Ministries, building strong relationships with many Cadence staff, and working closely with David and the other VPs on the ELT (Executive Leadership Team). Andrea and I share the honor of being Cadence Kids, having grown up in OCSC/Cadence International. We invite you to watch Dave's installation recording at: Cadence.org/Hutchings-installation.

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We have begun a year-long Home Assignment (formerly known as furlough). We have not experienced this long of a HA since 1988–89 when David was in seminary. In addition to the primary task of raising additional support during this year, we have also scheduled some intentional times of rest and renewal. We are seeking the Lord for what our minds, bodies, and souls need in these planned pauses.

During this time I will also be working to finish my Doctor of Ministry in Leadership from Denver Seminary. My coursework is complete, but I still have my research project to conduct, analyze, and present as my unique academic contribution to the body of knowledge. Multiple steps are involved and the work will culminate in a 150-page paper which will be shepherded and evaluated by my thesis committee throughout the year.

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We are looking forward to a new season of many more years of ministry. We do not yet know what our service will include, though we have ideas and are praying that God will open doors for us to minister to the military community in new ways. This could look like speaking, writing, filling in at Cadence ministries, and partnering with Cadence Alumni's growing ministry.

What else will it include? We don't yet know. Our sister-in-law Connie recently said to us, "You need to let the ground lay fallow. If you knew what was next you would already be engaging with it." We see the wisdom in her words, and we trust the Lord to open a path before us in His time and ways.

Even without a title or specific role, we have an important assignment this year: raise more monthly financial support. Our ministry partners have been very faithful—some



Our four grown children speaking at the celebration



The Schroeder and Hutchings families share a blessing at the Installation

for 30 years and others for over 40 (we began ministry to the military with Malachi Singers as college students in 1981). If this is you, please hear our deep and heartfelt gratitude for your long-term faithful partnership with us!

Over the years at Headquarters, however, we have been increasingly subsidized by the HQ general fund. My Cadence salary, which began in 2016, came from my work as a copy editor on the Communications Team, a job I have enjoyed but will no longer hold.

This letter includes our first official “ask.” If you are not already, would you consider becoming part of our monthly ministry team of prayer and financial partners? The Cadence board provided a carryover of our subsidy for one year (including half salary for me). As we discover additional support, that subsidy will decrease, which will in turn benefit the mission’s Headquarters’ fund.

Although we don’t yet know our exact monthly support calculation, it will be significant as it will cover our future salaries and also travel and ministry expenses, medical insurance, office costs, staff conferences, and more.

In many ways, we are circling back to the very beginning of missionary life—what Cadence calls MPD (Ministry of Partnership Development). It feels like a challenging task while in our sixties. But it will also be exciting to discover whom God leads to partner with us for the next decade (and more!) of ministry with Cadence. All of us are called to keep walking by faith in this life, and for us this is part of the next season of trusting God.

A Cadence family who recently joined our support team wrote this regarding, “whether people will want to join you in this later season of life and ministry. You both are impactful people just by being you. It is beyond a role or Cadence. Personally, I think the best years are yet to come.”

If God so leads, please use this link: Cadence.org/Schroeder, or scan the QR code to sign up as monthly financial partners or to give a one-time gift toward our upcoming ministry travel expenses.

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We are loving these years of our grown children and their spouses (and girlfriends) and grandchildren living close by. The newest addition to our family is Margo June, born to Kyrie and Jacob. Her name honors my mom, Margaret Patty, and one of Jake’s grandmas.

We are grateful for the heritage of our families, even as my brothers, sisters-in-law, and I have been going through



Patty family singing at our Mom/Grandma's memorial service

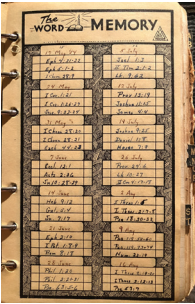


Kyrie and Margo

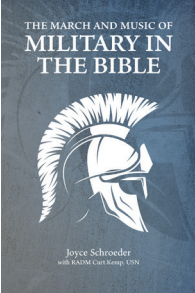


Summer Bible Time with grandkids in the book of John

our parents’ estate since our mom’s Homegoing at age 96 in September of 2024 (you may watch a recording of her memorial service at: Cadence.org/MargaretPattyMemorial). We found these memory verse lists in our dad’s and mom’s



notebooks from the 1950s. They represent long faithfulness on paths of righteousness.



We are also doing some writing. If you have supported any Cadence missionary, you know that David wrote devotional and informational thank you letters every month (for 30 years!). Some of them are archived on the Cadence website under Cadence.org/stories. In the past year, I self-published a book, *The March and Music of Military in the Bible*. I am grateful that former Cadence Board Chair, RADM Curt Kemp, was a contributor and editor. This book is for both military and civilians and is available on Amazon.

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We would like to keep in touch with you. If you are interested in receiving occasional email updates from us, in addition to our printed letters, please let us know at Joyce.Schroeder@Cadence.org or scan the QR code.

We also invite you to join us in this “fallow ground” season through your prayers. As you have likely noticed, prayer needs are embedded in every section of this letter. Our desire is to remain in Jesus (John 15:4–5) and faithfully follow with our next “yes.” We are honored to walk this road together with you.

With love,
Joyce



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