

# Rick & Paula

Serving with Cadence International

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LOOKING BACK . . .

Did you know we have served in Hospitality House ministry to the military for 28 years?!

Recently, I sat down and did the math.

It equates to about 2,500 meals, 1,000 large group Bible studies, 1,500 small men’s and women’s studies, 400 outings and activities, and 4,200 coffee or lunch appointments.

These meals, studies, activities, and appointments have been the heart and joy of our vocational work, but they have also been a means of working alongside the Lord in what he is doing and has done in the hearts of our military friends. Maybe you have been a part of one of these communities and have experienced this firsthand. What a joy this has been!

*He has done far more than we could have ever asked or imagined so long ago when we began.*

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Now, in this last third of our lives, we have sensed the Lord leading us into a new style of ministry. We want to replace ourselves over and over by walking alongside young people who are moving into ministry and those currently serving in ministry. We find ourselves already doing this work!

*We are in the process of shifting from Cadence to Standing Stone Ministry*, so we can give more attention and focus to this work. Standing Stone is an organization that utilizes ministry leaders who have a depth of experience to mentor and walk beside younger ministry leaders. When Christian leaders are healthy and whole, they can more easily build strong ministries that produce good fruit and reflect the character of Christ. As our student veterans have increasingly become students moving into Christian service, we want to open the door wider to more students who are not veterans but are pursuing ministry. In addition, we will be tracking with those who leave here as they begin their ministries and with others who are currently serving.

We know firsthand the joys of serving in ministry, but also the pain and hardships that come. We know the spoken and unspoken expectations of ministry families. We understand the impact that living a life far from family has on kids. We know the deep joys of sharing in people turning to Christ and the ache and guilt when they turn away. We know the feeling of giving everything we know how to give, and that effort not being received. But even more, we understand the refining work and gracious gift of God’s presence as all



of this is lived out. Amid all this, one thing that rings true is the Lord’s faithfulness to those in our ministries and to us. *We want to help young leaders begin and continue in hope.*

We have officially resigned from Cadence and begun serving with Standing Stone Ministry. We

will continue to depend on your generosity and financial partnership.

For those of you who have been giving through Cadence, we would ask you to prayerfully take the following steps:

- 1. Cancel your donation to Cadence International.
- 2. Copy and paste the link below OR go to our home page on Epistle and use the “GIVE” tab.  
<https://raisedonors.com/standingstone/shepherd-donation?fund-code=2102.71>
- 3. If you are interested in joining our prayer team or support team, please reach out to us at this link for our online newsletter. This is the best way to stay in touch. Our paper newsletter will only come to you in the mail at the end of the year.  
<https://ricknpaula.epistle.org/subscribe>
- 4. Now is a great time to consider a one-time gift. We need to build a reserve during the transition to Standing Stone. This amount is approximately \$21,000, which includes three months of front-loaded salary, training expenses, and administrative start-up costs.

*We look forward to this next season of life with great anticipation!*

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