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*As you enter this new year,  
“May the Lord direct your hearts into  
God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.”*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5

## *Hello, Friends!*

As 2025 draws to a close, I want to express my gratitude for your partnership with me as I prepare to launch into ministry with Cadence International. The last six months of support raising have been a blessing! I have had the pleasure of sharing about my ministry with more than 200 people. The Lord has given me over 80 financial partners and even more prayer partners! I am grateful for the team the Lord has blessed me with as I anticipate sharing the gospel and my life with military students.

In early October, I was appointed by Cadence International to engage in youth ministry, serving the students at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY). This American Naval community, nestled on the coast of Japan, is surrounded by the densely populated Japanese city of Yokosuka. Last summer, I had the opportunity to visit the Lighthouse—a Cadence ministry at CFAY led by missionaries Duncan and Suzanne Forbes. While the Forbes minister to the thousands

of young adults at CFAY, this naval community—which includes around 1,500 youth in grades 6–12—has only one chaplain and his wife dedicating their lives to discipling these youth. That’s one minister for every 750 students! As a Cadence missionary, I eagerly anticipate partnering with these chaplains to see military youth living for Jesus in community.

I am excited to announce that I will officially be moving to Japan on February 11, 2026! I need to arrive in Japan by February 12 in order to join Cadence youth groups from the Yokota and Kadena Air Force Bases for a weekend retreat. This will be an amazing opportunity to jump right into ministry with some of the students I ministered to during my internship and to see three of our Cadence Student Ministry workers in action. In less than three months, I will be on the ground in Japan, smelling the salt air from Tokyo Bay, and meeting for the first time the students I have anticipated serving for so many months.



Thanks to the Lord's provision, your partnership, and the unique financial situations in Yokosuka, I am 89% funded! **To make it to Japan in time for this retreat, I need to raise an additional \$720 in monthly support.** This means another 7 to 10 partners giving \$50–100 monthly. The Lord has been good in providing me so much support in such a short amount of time. Thank you for being a part of this mission!



Thanks to many special gifts and the monthly giving I have been receiving, I have already accrued much of what was needed to cover my outgoing and initial ministry funds for moving to Japan. Some of the anticipated expenses include purchasing a washer and dryer, new kitchenware, and a Japanese driving course, as well as other cosmetic updates to my apartment in the hospitality house. **I would love to invite you to prayerfully consider making an additional special gift this season, which would help ensure that my final outgoing and future needs are met.**

Your investment and partnership in this ministry provide me with the necessary funds to maximize fruitfulness in my life and ministry, ensuring that more military students will have access to discipleship. Through your partnership, the military youth of Yokosuka will have the opportunity to encounter God's reconciling love and presence as they grow in the knowledge of Him, receive support and care during times of transition, experience consistent and loving relationships amid insecurity, and discover how the gospel transforms their unique lives.

I cannot—and do not want to—do this ministry alone. I eagerly anticipate completing the ministry partnership team the Lord has set apart for me so that together we can make disciples of Jesus Christ within the military community.

Every year during the Christmas season, I find myself meditating on what it means to anticipate something well. For generations, God's people anticipated the first coming of the Messiah; now, during Advent, we anticipate His second coming. During this season, I am anticipating many exciting things, but I often forget to anticipate well the most wonderful thing of all: Christ's return. All the little things we long for and anticipate—like family reunions, a new year, or even a move to Japan—are opportunities to cultivate a greater longing for the return of our King.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
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