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We have some big news to share! After serving 12 years overseas (nine in Japan and three in Germany), our family will be taking a year-long Home Assignment starting this summer. This is also known as a missionary furlough or ministry sabbatical. While we have had brief visits to the United States and one summer trip in 2018 to raise support, this extended time will be a first for our family. We are ready for a reset, but it will require faith and hard work.

We moved overseas in 2014, and it is the only way of life our kids have known. It has been full of both sweetness and struggle, but it has been relationally rich. And while we have experienced countless goodbyes in military ministry, and even an international move ourselves in recent years, this

time will be distinctly different. We are returning to where we are from, but it will be foreign to us, especially to our children. We've been prayerfully thinking about what's best for them, and we believe this is what the Lord is nudging us to do.

While much of what we felt when we left Japan for Germany remains true, it is also not the same. We know the grief cycle



We feel a great mix of anticipation and intimidation, but we do sense God's leading. That said, some of the details that would make us feel comfortable are absent. It seems like God wants to strengthen our spiritual muscles by trusting Him with what we cannot see. We thank God for the wise counsel and clarity He has already provided. The path will not be without challenges, but it is full of possibilities. We know we go with God, and hard things are worth doing. These are valuable lessons for both our kids and us to learn.



Coining Rob



Parting gift for Beth



Okinawa friends visiting

will take each of us for a ride over the next few months, but we also know there is growth and goodness ahead. Leaving provides the opportunity for new life and development for us, our kids, and our hospitality house community. We again trust God will provide and guide in each of these contexts, but it is different and difficult.



So, where are we going and when? The “where” we are still awaiting, but we want to land in the Colorado Front Range/Denver area for a variety of reasons. Quite simply, it is where we have the most connections and have returned most often over the years. That said, we are open to what the Lord has in store. (If anyone has any affordable housing ideas, please let us know!) The “when” is following our worldwide staff conference in late June. We will depart Germany in mid-June and begin our Home Assignment on July 1, 2026.

We do not know what is next after this Home Assignment. However, our desire is to help our kids navigate living in the United States for the first time. With Tobin graduating in 2028, this feels like an urgent and important task to do together. Join us in prayer for our landing location, housing, finances, and the kids’ schooling. We entrust all these details and more to God. We value your love, support, and prayers for us and our kids in this transition.

There is plenty more for you to pray for, and this is not a comprehensive list. Pray that we will finish well here, for our eventual successors, and for us as we navigate the grief process. Sometimes, transition emotions and stressors come out in strange ways. Also, please lift us up as we attend to all the logistics that come with an international move. It is a lot to track.

Regarding finances, we will need an additional \$20,000 in one-time gifts to cover moving expenses. Besides moving expenses, the cost of living in the U.S., particularly in Denver, is much higher than overseas. Please prayerfully consider giving a one-time gift. Such support will enable us to step strongly into this next season of ministry.

We humbly share this news with you and are thankful to have you in our lives. What a treasure you are, and what a privilege it is to minister to military people! We cannot possibly communicate our full appreciation for you and your partnership with us in life and ministry. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Much love and God bless,
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