

Jeff & Candace Walton



Most of our Group in the Philippines

Hello, everyone!

We've had a full year so far, and we are only two months into 2026! Let me start by saying that Jeff and I are repeatedly blown away by how much you all have blessed us. It's AMAZING to be on the receiving end of all your love, prayers, encouragement, donations, and emails! Seriously, I (Candace) have been bragging about you guys a lot over here. Whenever we've had a need, the Lord has provided through your generous hearts, prayers, and encouragement. We are truly blessed because of you, and we love you all so much. We cannot wait to see you this summer!

Christmas time was so sweet for us. We were able to hand out stockings not only to our Friday night group, but also to service members in the barracks. One of the chaplains we know brought us to the unit he serves, and we had so much fun knocking on doors and handing out stockings in one of the large barracks. In total, you blessed these soldiers and their families with 110 stockings! Christmas day was also a lot of fun as we hosted soldiers in our home, played games, had our white elephant gift exchange, and ate mountains of biscuits and gravy.



Christmas Day



Handing out Stockings in the Barracks

Our family took a couple of weeks off at the beginning of January, and then we were back at it planning our ministry's first mission trip to the Philippines! As I write this, we have only been back for three days. It was, in a word, incredible! We teamed up with our brothers and sisters in the local Navigators group and other community members on this trip. Both our teams went together to Cainta, Philippines, right outside of Manila. We worked with and were hosted by Kids International Ministries and the church with which they work closely, Rockfish Church, Cainta.

Our goal for this trip was to expose families and soldiers to missions and show them that they, too, are called to what God is doing. We participated in numerous feedings for children living on the streets, interacted and played with the boys and girls in the children's homes, assisted in outreach events in the local community with Rockfish, shopped for food and supplies for these ministries to distribute to the poor, toured the schools for these kids, went door to door to pray and present the gospel, and a whole host of other things. Jeff and Eli visited a town

called Tondo, where they assisted a local church with an outreach and hosted a meal for the impoverished community. Tondo is known for its enormous "trash mountain." Pictures of this place are easy to find with a Google search. The poverty there is astounding.

I joined our team's healing prayer outreach, open to anyone who desired it. It was held at a local government building, where hundreds of people were waiting to apply for government loans to cover their medical bills. The government allowed us to present the gospel and then pray for anyone who requested prayer. In short, I saw a man miraculously healed from severe leg pain! After we prayed, he stood up with a huge smile and walked without any pain. It was an amazing thing to witness! We have such a good God.

Jeff and I are so very thankful for the opportunity to take our family and members of our group to experience some of what God is doing in other areas of the world. It has always been on our hearts to take soldiers

and their families on a mission trip. We are so thankful that God opened the doors to make this possible. I'm still in the process of journaling through all that the Lord did!

Speaking of the many things that God has been doing, I want to close with something one of our ministry participants wrote. About a year ago, we asked for emergency prayer for one of our families whose brand-new baby was in the NICU. Well, that little boy is about to turn one year old! He is strong and healthy and a joy to have in our group. God has been so faithful, and He heard all the prayers that we lifted up for this sweet rambunctious child! I want to leave you with the words his parents have written.

In 2024, we moved from Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, to Osan Air Base in South Korea. We were newly pregnant and, of course, new to Korea. We enjoyed attending the Hangar Hospitality House in Germany and were looking forward to getting to know the Cadence house at Camp Humphreys. We came to know and love Jeff and Candace Walton and their boys! Come February 2025, our baby boy was born. Initially a joyous occasion, it very quickly turned concerning as our son had continuous respiratory issues. Within a week, he was admitted back into the hospital in Seoul for monitoring, and then he took a turn for the worse. He was soon unable to breathe without assistance and was admitted into the NICU at two weeks old. Due to hospital policy, we were only allowed to visit him for 30 minutes a day, despite living nearly two hours away.

During this time, Jeff and Candace were so encouraging and helpful to us. They brought us dinner, mourned with us, prayed with us, anointed us when they couldn't anoint our son, and were overall a solid rock of companionship during this incredibly difficult time. Eventually, doctors performed a surgery that corrected what turned out to be a birth injury that had paralyzed our son's diaphragm. This surgery allowed our son to finally come home after six weeks in the NICU. Since then, Jeff and Candace have continued to bless and encourage us as we navigate parenthood and our faith. Being far away from home, having physical, emotional, and spiritual support is greatly appreciated. We know that all the prayers spoken around the world by family, friends, and strangers were heard, and God healed our son. We are so thankful for Cadence International and the missionaries God has sent through this ministry.

With much gratitude,
Jeff & Candace Walton



Doing Pushups with Mr. Park

KIDZ KORNER:

We were so thankful that the boys were able to go on the Philippines mission trip with us. They had a lot of fun leading a story time with me in a children's home. We told the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt. Kirk acted out a very snarky Pharaoh, and Eli portrayed Moses. Joshie was busy the entire trip trying to make friends with everyone he met. On our last night there, Kirk said, "Mom, we have so much to be thankful for." Eli has been writing some haikus about his experience. It's been a joy to see my sons grow in the Lord and really take to heart a lot of the lessons they are learning. I'm so proud of them.

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Only God will reign.*

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Living on a trash mountain,
But all wear big smiles.*



Jeff at Chaplain Damude's Promotion



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