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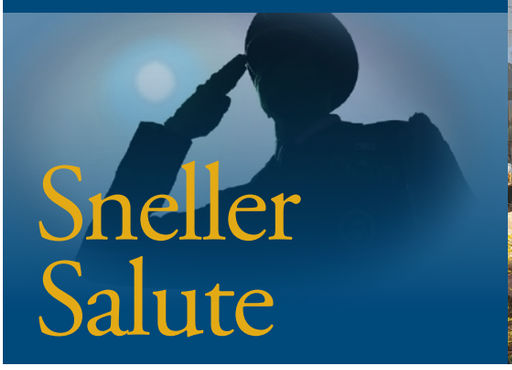

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A Faithful Transition: Finishing Well and Discerning What Is Next

Dear friends,

Over the past few months, many of you have had questions about the transition that is ahead for our family. We want to take a moment to clarify what is leading us into this next season and what lies ahead.

After twelve years serving overseas with Cadence International—nine in Japan and the past three in Germany—we sense the Lord leading our family into a new stage. The primary factor behind this decision is simply our family's stage of life. Our children have grown up almost entirely outside the United States; with Tobin finishing high school in a couple of years, and with Evan and Kara's education options here in Germany becoming less certain, we became increasingly convinced it would be wise to return to the United States so we can help our kids navigate that transition and prepare them well for the years ahead.

This has not been a quick or reactive decision, rather it has been percolating for the past couple of years. Over the past twelve months, we have spent significant time praying and seeking wise counsel. In addition to prayer, we have processed this transition with Cadence leadership, our organization's pastoral care team, a leadership coach, mentors, and spiritual directors. Through those conversations and continued discernment, we have come to a growing sense that this is the right timing for our family.

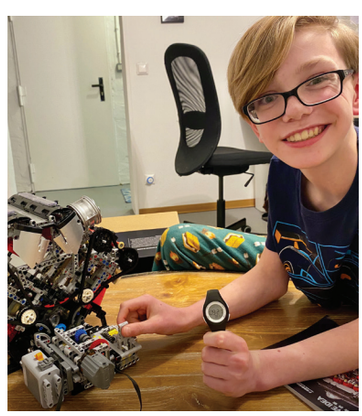
Because of that, we will begin a year-long **Home Assignment** (sabbatical/furlough) this summer. Cadence offers a year's Home Assignment after four years of full-time service, though we have never previously taken one. We will depart Germany in late June and begin Home Assignment on July 1. Thank you in advance for your continued spiritual and financial support throughout this next year. Your faithful investment in our lives and partnership in ministry continues to be both essential and deeply appreciated.

During our Home Assignment, we hope to reconnect with family, friends, and many of you who have faithfully partnered with us over the years. This season will provide space for renewal through work with a sabbatical coach, support from our pastoral care and spiritual formation directors, and professional development opportunities that were not possible during our years of full-time overseas ministry. We will also be settling our kids into schools and continuing to seek the Lord's direction for the next phase of ministry.

While we are keeping the long-term future open, one piece of clarity has emerged. We do not anticipate moving overseas again while our children are still at home. We believe it is important to be stateside during these years so we can help launch them well into adulthood.

Castle Rock

We will base ourselves in **Castle Rock, Colorado**. This location provides stability for our family during this transition and is also a strategic place with strong relationships and potential ministry opportunities. We see it as a faithful next step and a wise place from which to discern how the Lord may continue to use us in ministry in the years ahead.



Although our location is changing, **our sense of calling to ministry remains strong.** We hope to continue investing in people through teaching, leadership development, and pastoral care. During our Home Assignment, we will be discerning what the Lord may open for the next season of service. This may include opportunities both within Cadence and beyond. We would be grateful for your prayers in this season.

In the meantime, our focus remains clear: to **finish well here in Germany.** The community entrusted to us is deeply dear to our hearts, and saying goodbye will not be easy. This season carries both deep gratitude for all God has done and the natural emotion that comes with preparing to leave people we love.

A PRACTICAL NEED

As we prepare for this transition, we will be shipping our personal household goods back to the United States. Pack out will be the week of April 27, which is a bit overwhelming to think about. The cost of this international move is significant, and we need **$20,000 in one-time gifts** to cover the anticipated moving expenses.

If you would like to help with this need, your support would greatly ease this transition for our family and allow us to step into this next season well.

HOW YOU CAN PRAY

We would especially value your prayers in several areas:

1. Finishing well in Germany
Pray that we will continue to care well for the community entrusted to us and that our goodbyes will be meaningful and honoring.

2. Wisdom for this transition season
Pray for clarity as we settle our family in the United States and seek the Lord's direction for the next phase of ministry.

3. Provision for the move
Pray that the Lord will provide the $20,000 needed to cover the costs of our international move.

Friends, we are deeply grateful for each of you who have partnered with us over the years through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. Your partnership has made this ministry possible and has been part of the story every step of the way.

As we enter this Home Assignment season, we are grateful for your continued partnership as we prayerfully discern what the Lord has next in store.

Please continue to pray for us as we finish well in Germany and seek the Lord's guidance in this transition.

Much love and God bless,
Deric and Rebecca Sneller

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