

Elizabeth Elder



New Missionary Training 2026

Dear Friends and Family,

Last April, I reached out to share an exciting internship opportunity with Cadence International. During my summer internship, I witnessed God move powerfully in the lives of military teens in South Carolina. The Lord showed me that He is faithful, and when He calls you to something, He always shows up! When I left Victory Ranch, South Carolina, for Clarksville, Tennessee, the Lord led me to prayerfully consider pursuing full-time ministry with Cadence International. At first, I was very hesitant; however, in November 2025, God made it clear that this was the path He had for me. As of April 2026, I have officially become a full-time missionary with Cadence International! YAY!

Cadence is a Christian ministry dedicated to reaching the military communities of the United States and of the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mission as Cadence staff is to share the gospel and our lives with this unique people group. This mission comes from 1 Thessalonians 2:8, which says that Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy loved the Thessalonians so much that they shared not only the gospel of God but their very lives as well. This is the heart behind what every Cadence missionary does. No matter where a military member or family member is in

their walk with Jesus, Cadence staff are there to open their homes, their hearts, and the Word to share the deep love and grace of God.

As a military kid, I can attest to how essential this ministry is for the military community, especially military teens. My life within this community has been full of adventure! My family and I have traveled to new places, met new people, and even experienced new cultures. I have loved being part of the military community! But along with these unique adventures also came unique challenges.

Every two to five years, I would have to uproot my life and move to a different place, attend new schools, leave friends behind and make new ones, and even sacrifice time with my dad when he deployed. Amid these challenges, I became vulnerable to temptations of the world, lies about who I was, and spiritual oppression I didn't even know existed. In the middle of the mess, I believed I was unlovable, dirty, and hidden from God. But my heavenly Father didn't leave me there. He came to me in the mess and revealed to me that I was clean and forgiven, deeply loved, and seen by Him—and He set me free!



One-on-One Time with Paisley



Pizza Night!



Retreat at Victory Ranch



Flower Picking

Military teens around the world are facing the same challenges, confronting the same lies, and combating the same enemy of their souls. This is why I want to go—to meet them where they are and share the gospel and my life with them. My heart is for military teens to be set free from lies and enemy oppression so that they, too, can walk with Jesus in true love and true freedom!

As a Cadence missionary in student ministry, I will walk alongside teens in their own journey of discipleship with Jesus. I will host Bible studies to help them get to know Jesus, meet one-on-one with them, and invest in their lives. I will attend their sporting events, be present with them, and host fun activities—all so that they will come to know and walk with Jesus and be set free from the chains that shackle them. While I do not know which military base I will be assigned to, I will most likely be sent overseas and partner with the base chapel.

I cannot do this ministry alone. I need prayer and financial partners who will walk with me in this ministry. Will you prayerfully consider joining me in reaching military teens with the gospel of Jesus Christ? I need to raise \$10,464 in monthly support and an initial ministry fund of \$20,738 before I can be released to the field. The monthly amount includes a salary, a ministry fund, insurance, and administrative expenses. The initial fund includes shipping household goods and my car, buying furniture, and travel expenses.

My biggest need is monthly gifts, but every gift is deeply appreciated! My goal is to raise 50% (\$5,232) of my monthly support by October 1, with a final goal of being fully supported and on the field by May 2027. I know this is a large amount of money and a short amount of time. I also know that the Lord is faithful and He will provide every cent! Would you prayerfully consider whether the Lord is leading you to invest in this ministry?

I also need a prayer team willing to faithfully cover the ministry, the teens, their families, and me in prayer, both as the needs arise and as the Lord leads. In Ephesians 6, Paul exhorted the Ephesians to “pray in the Spirit at all times with all prayer and perseverance for all the saints,” including himself. Prayer is a vital part of ministry, and I invite you to join me in this way. Thank you for your consideration and partnership in both prayer and financial support.

To partner with me through prayer or finances, go to Cadence.org/Elder or scan the QR code below to give and sign up for ministry updates, which I will send out through an app called Epistle. If you have any questions about the ministry I am stepping into, I would love to schedule a time to talk! Please contact me at 910.286.3314 or Elizabeth.Elder@Cadence.org. I look forward to walking this out together!

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!

In His Love,
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