

Mike & Lauren LANDIS

WHAT GOD HAS BEEN TEACHING US . . .

Lauren:

The welcome night of Cadence missionary training started with the president inviting us to remember, as the biblical authors call the people to remember all that God has done. In the last ten months, during a season of grieving a loss, tending to my health concerns, and clinging to community, I have meditated on the faithfulness of God. In my recent Bible classes, we have journeyed through the Psalms and wisdom literature, illuminating the writers' desperate ache for God, His works, His protection, and His salvation. Have you ever noticed how often the psalmists call God a "refuge"? Although, in many ways, this is not new to me, it has been pressed upon me in a mighty way over the last year. No matter how many times in my life I've met disappointment, rejection, transition, loneliness, or any suffering, God never leaves and will always be my safest hiding place. Further encouragement has been the way that Mike and I have grown closer through this period of disillusionment and redirection. We have leaned on each other in fresh ways as God continues to strengthen our marriage—Team Landis. He is clearly preparing us for what He has called us to do.

Mike:

Patience is a powerful but painful teaching tool God has been using the last ten months to prepare my heart for missions. My sin nature reinforces my eagerness to become frustrated with God when He doesn't follow my schedule or plans. Instead of looking to God for guidance, I have asked for His approval. Now my plans have expanded to include



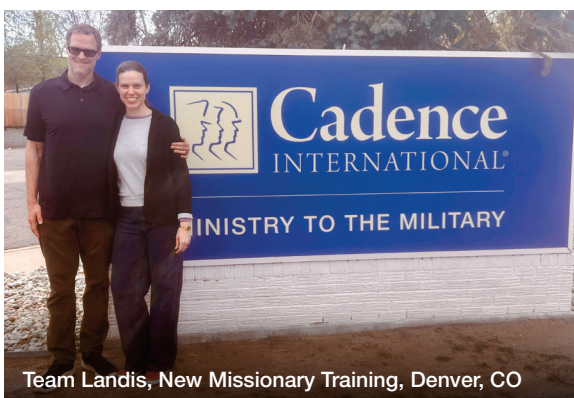
more opportunities for God to be in charge. This includes being open to changing teaching and missionary locations. Since none of these changes were in my plans, I don't know when or how they will occur, and I am waiting on the Lord.

VISION

Our vision is to establish a Christ-centered home where U.S. military members and their families can experience authentic community, spiritual encouragement, and the love of Jesus through shared life together. Through hospitality and discipleship, we hope to provide a "home away from home" for those serving our nation.

WHY CADENCE?

Cadence International has a long history of faithfully serving military members and their families by "sharing the gospel and our lives with the military community." We were drawn to Cadence because of its strong reputation, relational approach to ministry, and the way it feels more like a family than a large organization. God has already been cultivating this calling in our lives as we regularly open our home, giving us opportunities to learn how to share the gospel as we share our lives. Through family and friends connected to the military community in the DMV area, we have seen the unique need for meaningful relationships and consistent support for service members and their families.



THE NEED

Seven Reasons to Serve the Military Community

1. They are young: about 50% of enlisted military personnel are 25 years of age and younger.
2. Their military role often brings isolation and culture shock.
3. They are often in difficult living situations, with demanding day schedules and unstructured off-duty hours.
4. Their off-duty options are limited.
5. They are a mobile subculture, strategically placed all over the world.
6. They experience different cultures, enabling them to connect with God's heart for the world.
7. Their occupational future is open, broadening their opportunities for influence.

We will unpack each one of these in our upcoming email updates.

WHAT WE'RE STEPPING INTO

- We aim to move overseas next summer to begin a four-year mission assignment. We are requesting a location in Europe, where there may be opportunities in Germany, Spain, or Italy. **We must be 70% funded to secure a location!**
- We will live in a Cadence Hospitality House situated near a military base, caring for the home as our own and using it to facilitate ministry.
- We anticipate a ministry rhythm that includes:
 - Large group hospitality meal & Bible study night
 - Smaller gatherings for women and men separately
 - Game nights and other social gatherings for those seeking community who may not have an interest in a Bible study
 - Serving in the chapel as needed, partnering with the chaplains
 - Meetings with chaplains, individual service members, and spouses to offer care and support

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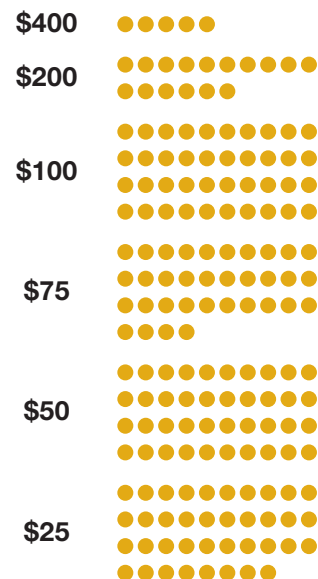
- Pray for our support-raising journey and for the future community where we will serve
- Financially
 - Current partners: We are grateful for the continued support through the challenge and rerouting to a new mission organization with the same calling. Many have confirmed their desire to remain with us as financial partners. If you plan to continue your giving and haven't yet switched to Cadence giving, you can do so by scanning the QR code or visiting our personal page on the Cadence website. *If you are not able to stay with us, would you mind sending us a note to let us know? That would be a great blessing as we start again raising the funds needed to go to the mission field.* Thank you all!
 - New or prospective partners: Thank you for your prayers and consideration in joining us. We appreciate you, and we trust God, who has brought us this far!

With grateful anticipation,

Mike and Lauren

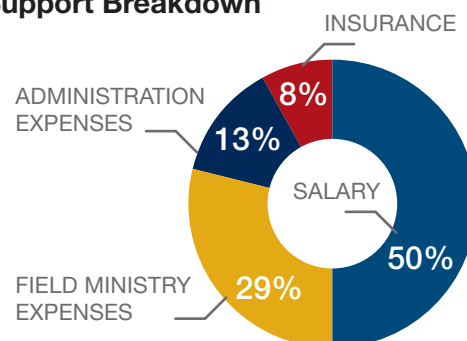
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