

Serving with Cadence International

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Hansen Christian Center Marines from our time in 2019.

# Answering an Unexpected Call

**I'm excited to share that I'll be returning to Camp Hansen in Okinawa, Japan, for ten weeks this summer!**

That announcement probably raises a few questions. Why **I** instead of **we**? Why Okinawa? And what about our ministry responsibilities here in Colorado?

Let me explain. **The "I" is me—Lou.** Believe it or not, I was surprised too when I received a call from our Cadence leadership asking if I would consider filling in at the Hansen Christian Center (HCC), a Hospitality House located near Camp Hansen on Okinawa.



Cathy and I served there for six months in 2019, one of our last field assignments before joining the Cadence headquarters staff. We absolutely loved our time there. The ministry was thriving then, and it continues to flourish today.

Every Friday night, around fifty mostly young, single enlisted Marines gather at the HCC for fellowship, a home-cooked meal, and Bible teaching. During the week, there's a Bible study, and after the Sunday chapel service on base, everyone gathers again for lunch. It's a place where Marines find family, encouragement, and a safe place to grow in their faith.

The full-time directors are currently on sabbatical and are not scheduled to Japan until October. The couple presently filling in must leave at the end of July, and despite extensive efforts, our leadership has been unable to find another couple to bridge the gap until the directors return in mid-October.

Closing the Hospitality House for several months would be a significant loss. The ministry has tremendous momentum, and with some challenges currently affecting the chapel community on base, maintaining a Cadence presence is especially important.



Lou's mom, Ginny

When leadership first asked if I would consider serving, my initial response was "No." Between my responsibilities at headquarters and helping care for my mother, it didn't seem possible.

But as Cathy and I prayed, things began to fall into place. We found ways to offload much of my workload, and Cathy agreed to care for my mom while I'm away. The more we prayed, the more I sensed the Lord opening this door.

It's been more than six years since we've led a hospitality house ministry, and I have deeply missed serving in a military community: teaching God's Word, mentoring young Marines, and simply loving them well. It is a privilege, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to do it again.

The one difficult part is that Cathy won't be able to join me. Her responsibilities at Cadence are much more difficult to hand off, and many of her meetings would take place in the middle of the night if she were in Japan. More importantly, we both feel it's best for her to remain home to care for my mom.

I'll certainly miss having her with me and it is a bit daunting to think about how to handle cooking each week! I'm hopeful that some volunteers from the community will be willing to lend a hand.

Would you pray for us? Please pray:

- That I would quickly connect with the Marines and faithfully teach and encourage them.
- For wisdom as I navigate some of the challenges within the chapel community.
- For Cathy as she carries additional responsibilities at home while caring for my mom.
- That God would continue to use the Hansen Christian Center to impact the lives of Marines stationed on Okinawa.

Finally, I'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider helping with the financial needs of this unexpected assignment. There are no designated funds in our Cadence account to cover the expenses. My airfare alone was just over \$2,500, and I anticipate another \$2,500 in ministry expenses while serving at the HCC.



If God leads you to help offset these costs, your gift would be a tremendous blessing and would enable me to focus fully on serving the Marines during these ten weeks.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your faithful partnership in ministry. We are deeply grateful for each of you.

With gratitude,  
**Lou (and Cathy)**



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