



THE BRIDGE

HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Sixth Anniversary Newsletter



DAYS BECOME WEEKS, WEEKS BECOME MONTHS, and the next thing we know—we're celebrating the completion of year number SIX at *The Bridge* Hospitality House! Many of our military members are deployed this year, some experienced a change of station (PCS), and others separated from the military. And yet, God keeps bringing new arrivals to local bases in San Diego who find their way to *The Bridge* for community and spiritual growth. He knows how many we can handle in our home and tends to fill the place! These young adults are grateful to experience the life-giving grace and love of God in a safe, healthy place, alongside fellow military members who are striving to know and follow Him more closely. Our home is such a different environment from their workplace on base, where profanity, isolation, and worldly living are the norm. God is equipping and empowering them here at *The Bridge* to be ambassadors in their workplace, family, and social circles . . . none of which are easy. We continue to feed them physically and spiritually, modeling a Christian marriage and lifestyle while teaching timeless, biblical truth in both group and individual settings. This year, we are working our way through the **Gospel of Mark** on Thursday nights. On Saturday mornings, our men have been delving into a book on biblical manhood by Mansfield, while our women have been discussing Allie Beth Stuckey's *Toxic Empathy*. Our people are comfortable being vulnerable and transparent in these settings, which deepens our sense of community and ability to minister to one another.



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It's exciting to see some relationships at *The Bridge* advance to engagements and on to weddings. We have had five so far, and I just have to tell you about one I officiated in February, which we'll never forget. Five years ago, God directed a retired Navy nurse and widow to become a volunteer at *The Bridge*. Early on, Jo-Bette served as a mentor for Joy and began helping with the cooking. Meanwhile, a longtime friend of mine from Arizona lost his wife after 52 years of marriage, and he enjoyed coming to *The Bridge* whenever possible, joining us early on at our Ministry Dedication, Grand Opening, and eventually several holiday weekends. I felt led to introduce our two dear friends and suggested they meet for coffee or a meal when she visited her brothers in Arizona. As God would have it, one thing led to another, and I was privileged to marry them on the beach here on Coronado in February! It is wonderful to have additional sages around to love and bless our "kids," who love them right back.



Baptisms at the Bay

We continue to have baptisms nearly every month, and they are always a joy. Additionally, we enjoy indoor and outdoor games, a myriad of events, and our service projects at Campus by the Sea on Catalina Island, which hosts about 10,000 kids each summer and just celebrated its 75th anniversary.



DRUM ROLL . . .

While we absolutely love our Bridge community, property, and morning devotions from “our” park bench overlooking Coronado Beach, Cadence has extended another offer we prayed long and hard about. Sensing God’s leading, we accepted the role of **European Field Leaders with a start date of November 1**. Our new position will be to provide leadership to our Europe Cadence House Directors and their ministries, which are currently operating in three countries, as well as asking God to open doors for ministry in other locations in the coming years. So, our third Cadence Missionary Journey is moving us **BACK TO GERMANY**, which is not a move we anticipated but one we are very excited about! We are thrilled to report that we are handing the leadership baton off to our President Emeritus and his wife, David and Joyce Schroeder, whom we hold in very high regard. They have visited *The Bridge* three times over the years and will lead this community well through 2026 until the right full-time replacements for *The Bridge* are identified and ready to roll.

In July, Joy and I attended the Cadence Worldwide Conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin, which is held every five years. This was an inspiring time, when all our

missionaries from around the world came together. It was led by our new Cadence President, Dave Hutchings, who brings a lot of vision and energy to our mission. Afterward, we met with supporters and family in the Midwest, an area which we both love, having been raised there in the heartland of America. We will need your continued prayers and financial support to thrive in this new role. There is no house or vehicle waiting for us in Germany, so we’re starting from scratch, much like we did here on Coronado. With moving costs added to the mix, we are requesting that you please pray about contributing towards these up-front expenses. We thank God and pray often for our mission partners who allow us to bear fruit for the Kingdom . . . fruit that will last! Our military



members are worthy of the best we can give them as they serve our country. **God bless the U.S.A. in our 250th year!**

In His grip,
Ed & Joy



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