

After 19 awesome years at Soldotna Bible Chapel we let our beloved church know that God is calling us into a new chapter of life and we will be transitioning...

Penny and I have felt God preparing us for some time now and we are obeying His leading. I came to Alaska 19 years ago to become the youth pastor at Soldotna Bible Chapel. Man, what a ride! We've seen many fruitful years

of ministry and have considered it a profound privilege to be in one place so long with such great people, and yet... all things eventually come to an end.

We are now at the crossroads as we embark on our Father's next great adventure for us! On September 11, 2014 Penny and I were both appointed as missionaries with Cadence International, a ministry to the Military. You can learn more about them by exploring their website: www.cadence.org.

Like many of you, we have a deep respect and love for the men and women who lay down

their lives for our freedom. Two years ago, we felt the Lord stirring our hearts that a change may be at hand. We prayerfully sought His advice as to what our future years in ministry might entail. For those of you who don't know about our journey, at one point we believed He might be leading me to serve as an active chaplain in the military. Then, there was the possibility of serving as a chaplain in the Air Guard; but after two years of struggle and closed doors, we realized that this was not what God

wanted me to do. We asked our Father to open the right door and close all other doors or opportunities so that we may have clarity. Though this can be discouraging as doors close, it sure is great when you find the open door!



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You see, two years ago at the beginning of this process, Penny and I spent a day with an active chaplain and his wife on JBER (Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson) in Anchorage to see what their ministry looked like and what sacrifices would need to be made. That day, two years ago, we were invited by this chaplain to go to a ministry, off base, called Cadence International where there are two hospitality houses in Eagle River, AK. As we joined around 80 servicemen and various help staff, we ate dinner with them, participated in a Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship. We both felt right in our element! It

was very much like youth ministry

only slightly older! That night as we ate dinner we randomly sat across from the visiting Pacific Rim Cadence field leader and his wife, and he shared about their ministry. After much discussion he thought we would be a great fit in Cadence. I asked him if the ministry was a "support" based ministry, raising your financial support. When he said yes, I quietly dismissed the possibility. Ashamedly, I did not want to raise support. Many of you reading this can relate to this feeling.

Sometimes, it feels like God is not above "bait and switch." Looking back on those two years, I now realize that active chaplaincy was what I was initially drawn to; and at the very beginning of this journey, God showed us the open door: Cadence International. But I wasn't willing to go through that door at the time, but now it is clearly what we both wholeheartedly desire to do.

So what is this ministry and where will it take us?

The hospitality house ministry provides a welcoming "home away from home" for active soldiers outside base wherever they may be stationed worldwide. We love having people in our home, providing a home cooked meal, a

comfy couch, good coffee, and great fellowship. Sharing our lives and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we look forward to discipling men and women through the Word of God weekly, mentoring, and providing spiritual accountability. We will encourage service to one another, and the proclamation of the Gospel through evangelism and even

short-term mission trip opportunities. It is a wonderful opportunity to minister to the needs of our troops!

We have made it known that we are willing to follow the Lord and serve wherever the need is greatest with Cadence International, so we wait for that answer. In

humility, I tell you that we can't do it alone. We desire a team of prayer warriors and financial supporters who love God, and the service men and women of our country. We need you, and want to work together with you. We would like to recruit you to join us in our Father's ministry to our military. Together we can make a profound impact for the Kingdom of God as we uplift them in prayer, support overworked

chaplains, and clearly proclaim the Gospel!

Will you consider joining and supporting such a great cause?

Told & Penny



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