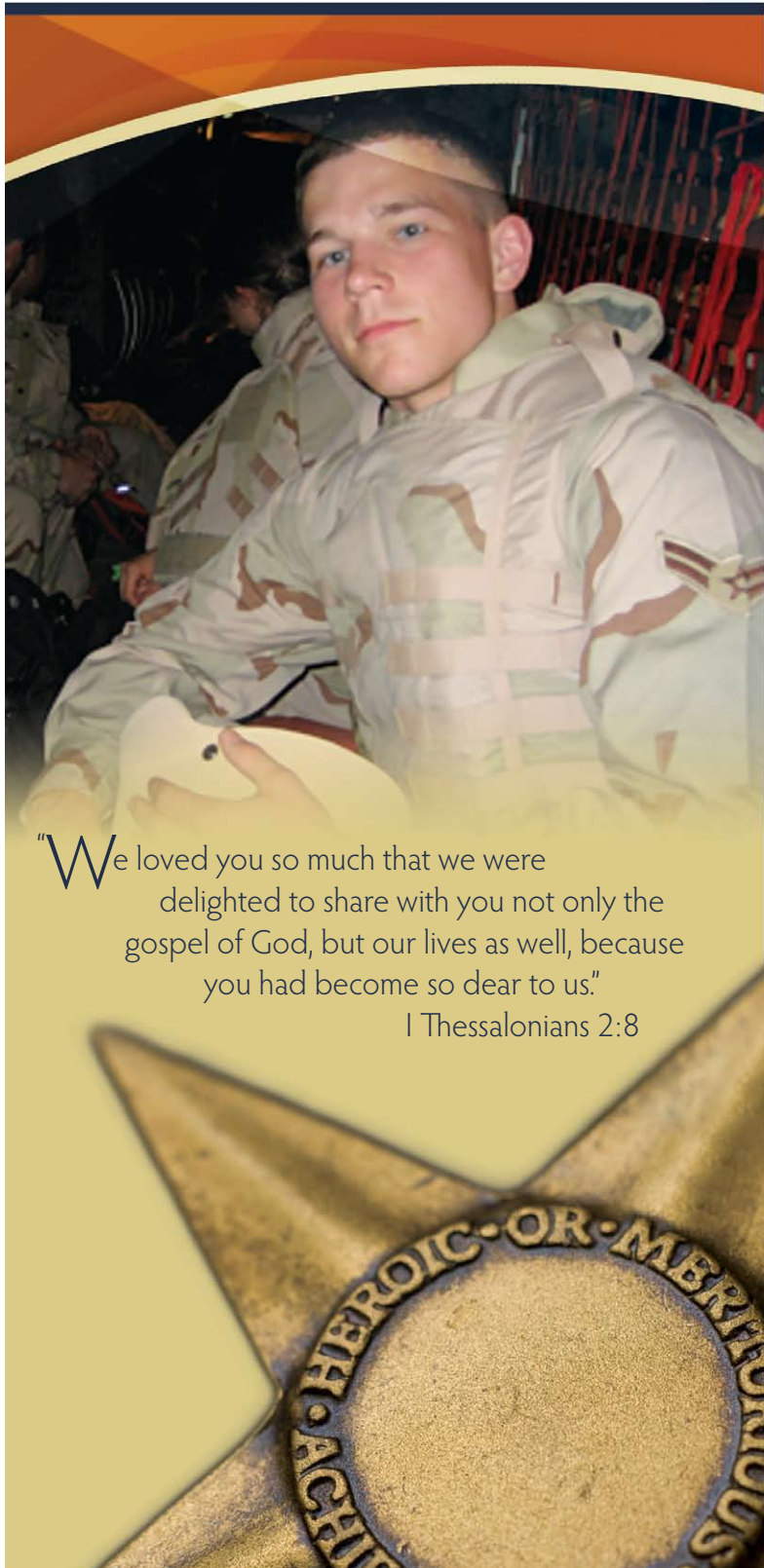


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"We loved you so much that we were
delighted to share with you not only the
gospel of God, but our lives as well, because
you had become so dear to us."

I Thessalonians 2:8

CONNECT



*David & Joyce
Schroeder*

We have named our new quarterly publication **Cadence Connection**. Our aim is to **connect** you with the cause of Cadence and the people involved in Cadence ministries. We will be providing articles that portray various facets of military life—stories that depict the “day in the life” of a soldier, airman, marine, seaman and their families, and also personal accounts of victories and challenges of being a military chaplain or a missionary serving a military community. In doing so we hope to **connect** you to the worldwide Cadence family and our vision of:

**“Exalting Christ in the Nations Through the
Lives of Transformed Military People”**

Please enjoy this first edition of **Cadence Connection** and offer us your feedback on how these stories may have touched or encouraged you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Schroeder'.

David Schroeder
President

connect: “To join, unite, or cohere;
to have a close relation”

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your prayer guide

FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, & APRIL 2009

week of February 1-7 Pray for current transitions in Cadence leadership—Dick Reynolds has transitioned to VP for Human Resources and Matthew Bachali will be joining Cadence and taking over as VP for Operations/Cadence Associates.

week of February 9-14 Pray for Cadence President, David Schroeder, as he travels and speaks for chapels at Grace College, in Winona Lake, Indiana, February 10-11, 2009.

week of February 15-21 Pray for the newly appointed missionaries who have just completed missionary training and are in partnership development.

week of February 22-28 Fort Hood, Texas: Pray for Military Children's Ministry staff (Rebekah and Caron) as they recruit off-post churches to adopt three elementary schools on post that do not have an After School Good News Club.

week of March 1-7 Pray for continued strengthening of our relationships with the military chaplains.

week of March 8-14 Pray for the two spring fundraising dinners in May to be held in Denver and Colorado Springs. Pray that the Lord would bring forward volunteers, table hosts, and sponsors.

week of March 15-21 Pray for "KidsLink Downrange"—a joint venture with MOPS International helping the kids at Fort Hood stay connected with their parents on the frontlines. For information visit: www.kidslinkonline.org.

week of March 22-28 Pray for the groundwork being laid at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Fort Carson, Colorado, for the opening of new hospitality house ministries at these military communities.

week of March 29-April 4 Pray for our deployed troops in the Middle East and their families stationed at military bases around the world.

week of April 5-11 Pray for Malachi Youth Ministry military students and staff who are in the Czech Republic and Poland this week for a spring break service project trip. Pray they can serve, minister, and grow in Christ.

week of April 12-18 Pray for a successor to Dave Meschke to lead the Lands of Russia ministry.

week of April 19-25 Pray for the schools at Fort Hood, Texas, that have After School Good News Clubs. Over 400 children attend the clubs each week.

week of April 26-May 2 Pray for the military ministries in Southeast Asia—for military people of these and all nations to know Christ.

LIFE ON DEPLOYMENT

A1C Ryan Robart: *In the Deserts of Iraq*

I am active duty Air Force. I just returned from a deployment to Iraq. I spent a total of 197 days in the dry, barren desert from May to November 2008. Yes, that means I was present for the heat wave they call "summer."...

My job was to provide electrical power, as we provided power for the entire Air Force base. ... We worked (at minimum) 12 hours a day, six days a week, and stayed very busy with maintenance. ...

When I wasn't at work, I spent the majority of my remaining time in bed. It was exhausting to work all day in the heat ... I played in the poker tournaments that were held three times a week. They had a nice gym that had just been built, so I would try to work out when I could. We had a small library as well as a recreation tent where we could play video games, get on the computer, or watch movies. Phone calls were limited to 15 minutes and only three a week.

We did some great things for the Iraqi community while we were there. One of the main projects was to rebuild desks for the Iraqi school children. They had found a school full of these rundown, dirty desks, so we took about 120 of them and completely redid them. They looked brand new when we

were done. We also made school kits for the Iraqi children. When people would mail supplies, we put them into kits for the Iraqi kids.

All in all, I am very thankful to have gotten the opportunity to experience what I did. I volunteered for this deployment and will go again if the opportunity comes up. A lot of people outside the military don't understand why we are so eager to go over to a war zone, but it is our duty; it is the reason that we joined the military in the first place. We are defending those we love as well as the nation in which we believe.



Ryan on the C-130 flying to Iraq



Ryan's shop by a 750,000 watt generator

Petty Officer First Class (SW /AW) Michele Saloga, USN: *Life Stationed in Yokosuka, Japan*

I've been stationed in Japan, staff duty onboard USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) and USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) for the past two years. A typical day onboard ship underway starts at 0600 with a 1MC announcement: "Reveille, reveille, all hands heave out now, reveille." Our day ends at 2200 with an evening prayer on the 1MC. Six days out of the week are 15-hour workdays. On the seventh day most people get holiday routine in which they may get to sleep in an extra three hours.

We have great meals onboard the *GW*, plus a taco and sandwich bar open all day (this makes for great ship morale). Early morning and late evening we have lower level college classes available onboard. For exercise we also have salsa dancing and kick boxing classes. Our ship has a women's Bible study on Wednesdays and different religious services on Sundays. These are just a few reasons I wanted to serve on a big platform. ...

One of the reasons I joined the Navy was for adventure and travel. And God has blessed me with that and much more. For my first three years in the Navy I was stationed in La Maddena, Italy, onboard USS *Emory S. Land* (AS 39) as submarine tender. ... This tour was most special to my Christian walk because I had just given my life to Christ a year before, and there were many Christians who were on fire for the Lord.

My second duty station was in San Diego, California, at HSL 49, a helicopter squadron. Here I earned my Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist qualification and received my first navy achievement medal. That duty station blessed me with a wonderful church that taught me a lot about the Bible.

While I've been at my current duty station, I've been learning Japanese with a tutor. I've also traveled some of Japan and enjoyed a few port visits in Asia. At a Bible study in San Diego two brothers who had just left Japan told me about *the Lighthouse* [Cadence Hospitality House]. There I've been able to enjoy some home-cooked food along with Christian fellowship. [I] am forever thankful to *the Lighthouse* for all it does.



*Michele in Yokosuka,
Japan*

Major Mark Moeckli: *On the Front Lines of Afghanistan with the U.S. Army (and with a sense of humor)*

I just got back from being out in the field for the last seven days. (The whole operation lasted around ten days.) Much of the time I spent in the field was at an elevation of around 9,600 feet which makes physical exertion much more difficult than at lower elevations.

During these last ten days or so, the small unit I commanded transported eleven detainees and traveled many miles around the area we work in. We were lucky that we did not get blown up. I did have to rig around 600 gallons of fuel for destruction after which I got to blow it up. It made for quite a Fourth of July celebration: a huge explosion and a really pretty fireball!

Larry Boy (from the Veggie Tales series) was enlisted at the Christian gift center. He is still moving along with me wherever I go. He is very much the world traveler and master of weapons craft. At times he has to pull some guard duty, too!

I continue to make Afghan friends and also continue to get pleasure from working with these great people. However, some of them are a bit strange in what they think is funny or a good practical joke. Currently I work not only with the Afghans but also with another group of foreigners: *New Yorkers of the New York National Guard*. These guys speak some English, but I cannot always understand their strong Brooklyn accents.

Some may wonder why I do what I do. Sometimes I wonder that, too—especially when we are driving through some village with nobody out and the hair on our back stands straight up because something does not seem right. I suppose it comes down to this. . . I like what I do and I think that we are making a difference. Even if it is small progress, it is still being made and that matters. Then again, maybe it's that I am just nuts!?

Take care and stay safe! Myself, I will try to make sure I duck when needed!



Larry Boy (in the purple helmet) manning the 50 caliber machine gun on Mark's truck.



Mark at a traffic control point with a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) launcher



Marine 1st Lt Matthew A. Thompson: *A Letter from Iraq to Family and Friends (2008)*

Family and Friends,

We are starting to get ready to come home. I have even shaved my “combat mustache.” If we had not been extended we would have been home two months ago!

Today we completed another combined medical engagement in the village of Kabani. This was our last major event until our replacements arrive. The water project is complete and the village now receives clean potable water; the electrical project is in full swing and should be complete prior to our departure next month.

There were seven people saved at the Friday night service this last week, and I saw some of them at the gospel service this past Sunday. God is so good! Walking back from work the other day, I passed a group of marines and overheard just a snippet of their conversation. What encouragement it was! They were talking about the Bible, and one of the marines was making a clear presentation of the gospel.

It is so amazing what God is doing in the lives of so many young marines, soldiers, sailors, and airmen during these deployments. It is not only those of us over here but our families back home that God is touching. Trish and I have often talked through emails, letters, or on the phone about how, although we do not like being apart, we recognize the amazing things God has shown us during this time. He has taken us both higher and deeper, and for that we can be ever so thankful. ...

From the Front, *Matt*



Matt in Iraq

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