



# SOLDIERS HOSPITALITY HOUSE

A Cadence Adult Ministry  
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**WHEW-WEE!** it's **HOT** in Texas! Over 100 degrees today with no rain in sight. Have you heard some of the jokes? The birds must use pot holders to pull worms out of the ground. Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs. The cows are giving evaporated milk. Well, maybe that's why it's been a good month for traveling elsewhere.

## STAFF AWAY

**Ben and Ian** flew to CO for a week to be with their dear friend, Grant, and his family after his motorcycle accident. Your prayers were so appreciated, and God chose to take him home. **The Blokera** then drove to Ohio to attend the wedding of Grant's daughter, surely a bittersweet event. During their 10-day trip, they connected with 5 families who flew in for their friend's wedding, spent a couple days with friend's stationed and TDY to Fort Knox, and reconnected with old friends from a supporting church in PA. **Katie Bloker** returned from her 3-week mission trip to Peru with great stories of divine encounters and growth, pictures, and her foot in a cast! **Ian Bloker** departed for the 6-month Cadence Discipleship Course, *LifeCompass*, in Thailand.

**The Fischers** spent 3-weeks on a whirlwind tour to Wisconsin, the Chicago area, and Central Illinois to visit with family, supporters, and supporting churches. Mark says, "It was a good time to reconnect with Grace Church, our home church in Morton, Illinois, and to inform them about the ministry and our financial needs through an Open House. I presented the ministry at 2 CBMC (Christian Business Men's Connection) meetings, while Mary gave 2 presentations at Lady's Circles. We also shared for 5 minutes on Sunday morning at Windy City Church in Chicago, connected with a Mission Rep from Rock Creek Bible, and met with the Bradley Epworth Church's mission team in Peoria. It was an encouraging time to interact with many who are praying for us weekly and interested in what God is doing at FT Hood!"

**Sharyn** spent a week in San Antonio visiting a supporting church and helping a friend.

## SOLDIERS AWAY

It was an opportune time for us to be away as so many just deployed. We have also seen a drop in new soldiers coming. We equate some of that to our change in Bible study night from Thursday to Friday at the request of many of the soldiers. But, it made it harder to bring new soldiers arriving at Reception, and many of the soldiers who wanted the change have now changed their mind! So, we realized it was time for a change back to Thursday night! That decision felt verified when 12 people attended our first Thursday study again.



## JULY 4<sup>th</sup>



Many were also away for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend, but SHH hosted a BBQ cook-out on the 3rd, and then everyone gathered for the big fireworks event on Fort Hood on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Ben also took a few guys on a hike up Dana Peak at a nearby lake, and the guys also enjoyed a morning of shooting guns at our Cadence Retreat House nearby in Kempner.

### NEVER AWAY

We're never away from our time in God's Word! We have been going through 1 John, which we will finish the first week of August. The men are still digging deep through Romans, tackling the tough section of chapters 9-11. The Chapel Summer Bible study for women (PWOC) kicked off July 11 looking at Beth Moore's DVD, *Loving Well* (also based on 1 John). The women are going through some Biblical examples (David with Mephibosheph and Joseph with the cupbearer and baker in prison) as pictures of our 1 John emphasis that love is action. I think God's trying to tell us something about love!

### CASTING AWAY OUR CARES ON HIM:

- ❖ For good relationships with several new Chaplains who have arrived
- ❖ Open doors for spiritual conversations as the Fischers hang out with incoming soldiers in the Reception Barrack's dayroom on Thursdays. Pray that those who God is drawing would accept their invitation to join us at the Hospitality House or our Chapel services.
- ❖ For wisdom as we choose new Bible studies for the Fall
- ❖ For all of us to apply the lessons learned from our 1 John study and improve at "love in action"
- ❖ Praise for the beneficial trips and connections for all of the staff
- ❖ Praise that Sharyn's Mom's will not undergo a 2<sup>nd</sup> chemo now but monitor the tumor; pray it shrinks



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