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To my beloved family at Old Providence,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is hard to believe that two months have already gone by since the last update. During that time, the Sutton family has been absolutely blessed as we have all finally transitioned to our new home in Oklahoma. I am now in the preaching rotation at two of our chapels here on post. Additionally, my assistant and I have been able to incorporate a field service into the 10-week cycle for each of the five Batteries within our Battalion. What that means is that, for each new group coming in, my team goes out to the field where they are training and we hold a 20-25 minute religious service for those who are interested in joining us. Results have been better than we could have imagined...I have even been able to baptize two Trainees in the field. My team also provided an Easter worship service for a group that was still under quarantine and unable to attend chapel. Please believe me when I tell you that God is at work here at Fort Sill!

As for life at home, the entire Sutton family is busy, busy, busy! Holly is involved with the Chaplains' Wives group here on post. She is still adjusting to military life (and the sound of artillery fire at all hours of the day and night!), but has been such a source of strength and encouragement as we deal with some of the challenges of life in the Chaplaincy! Dylan is still working hard at his studies and he has also taken on a volunteer position with the Fort Sill Museum group. Once a month, he is able to take part in a group that does a live cannon-firing for the visitors and families of Fort Sill. His position comes complete with a standard issued, late-1800's Army uniform – all wool. He is also heavily involved at the golf course which is where he spends most of his free time! Harper Grace has recently begun taking riding lessons and she absolutely loves it. The pony she rides is named 'Biscuit' and they get along very well! Callie Mae seems to be changing each day and is growing like a garden weed. We have certainly enjoyed visiting some of the sights and attractions that this part of the country has to offer.

In closing, I wish I were there in person to share our stories with you. Thank you to all who continue to send cards and encouraging notes – they are an absolute treasure. You are all in my prayers daily. Please continue to pray for the men and women who serve this country and for those who train the next generation of Soldiers. I send my love to all. May God bless you all with health and safety and may He continue to bless the leadership and ministry of Old Providence Church.

Yours in Christ,

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Trainee baptism at "The Anvil" field training exercise



The Sutton family on a recent trip to Fort Worth



Easter worship service for new Trainees unable to attend chapel services (they are quarantined for 2 weeks)