



If I were to pick one word which describes the world we live in, it would be OVERWHELMED. Our world of computers, cell phones, and palm pilots seems to load, heap, and bury us with information, work, responsibility, and problems. I often get the feeling that we have created a world that no one was ever meant to live in.

Sometimes when I get overwhelmed I am tempted to throw up my hands and quit. Then I hear the words of the Lord Jesus, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." In the midst of a world that is too hard for anyone to navigate, Jesus offers us His presence and His rest. I remember being in the Navy thirty years ago, overwhelmed by the pressures of being in the military, and my buddy Jim quoted Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusteth in Thee." (We used the King James version then. 😊) That night as I laid in my bunk I memorized that verse, and it has been great source of comfort ever since.

Today there are thousands of soldiers and their families who are far away from home and overwhelmed by the pressures of being in an army which is at war. Every week I read news about the horrors and pressures that these men and women and their families face. Debbie and I have no doubt that God has called us to share with them the peace that can only be found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We thank God for all of you and your support of our ministry. We know that many of you are praying for us and giving to this ministry as God leads you. We know that you, too, are overwhelmed. We have talked with many of you who plan to be part of our team in a financial way but have not yet been able to send in the response card. We understand—we get overwhelmed by mail and response cards every week! May we suggest one step to shorten the "pending" pile? You can mark the response card and use the enclosed envelope by placing it in the "outgoing" pile today. If you enclose a check, Cadence will supply you with your next envelope; if you desire to start actual giving in the future, mark the start date on your calendar. There, you are done. 😊 Know your planned response will greatly bless us and assist us in knowing our next step and how to proceed with the plan to get to Germany.

Finding His Peace in an overwhelming world,

*Brad & Debbie*

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