



Celebrating **5** *years*

of providing a welcoming and restful place
for Calvary's Impact candidates and
partners (and others serving in ministry
around the world) to recharge while they
are on home assignment!





bathroom sink—BEFORE



bathroom sink—AFTER



bathroom shower—BEFORE



bathroom shower—AFTER

As we celebrate five years of Home Base being a blessing to our missionaries, we are filled with gratitude for all who have helped make this dream a reality. The mission of our Home Base residence is simple yet profound: to provide a welcoming home-away-from-home for our Impact partners. Our deepest desire is that this space serves as a peaceful retreat—a place where our missionaries can find rest, refreshment, and recovery during their time on home assignment.



Beyond offering rest, we hope Home Base also becomes a place of connection—where our partners and friends can spend quality time with family, friends, and support team members. It is our joy to witness Home Base becoming a true “home base” for those who serve, a haven of comfort and support in the midst of their busy and often challenging journeys.

We are deeply thankful for the many hands and hearts that worked to get Home Base up and running. Your efforts helped create a space that continues to bless our missionary partners year after year.

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Home Base was such a blessing for us during our 6-month home assignment in the US. It provided a wonderful solution with a furnished home, in a location we were familiar with, all at a reasonable price. Just as COVID hit, we found ourselves at Home Base, and it became a safe, comfortable place for us to wait and see how things would unfold. We were especially grateful for all the extra amenities and toys provided for our children, which made their stay so much easier and more enjoyable.

We would highly recommend Home Base to other incoming missionaries. Finding a safe, clean, comfortable, and fully furnished place to stay for a short period of time is no small task, especially when you're researching from afar. Knowing that so much care went into making Home Base a welcoming place was incredibly comforting.

We're truly thankful for the thoughtful details and the comfortable items that were provided. Our time there was such a positive experience, and we have fond memories of our stay.

From Chris & Jenny Jolin


Impact Partner / Shiloh Military Ministries
(Stayed 6 months at Home Base)



living room fireplace—
BEFORE



living room fireplace—
AFTER



Home Base was a huge blessing for our family during our home assignment year. It provided a sense of stability and a place to call "home" in a year filled with so much transition. We were able to move into a fully set-up home without the stress of finding furniture, dishes, linens, and all the things we would have needed for the year. This was such a relief since we don't have much stored stateside.

Another blessing was being so close to Calvary Church, which offered a great weekly program for our kids. Many Sundays during furlough are spent visiting and speaking at new churches, so the Wednesday night program became a highlight for them. It gave them a fun, consistent place to connect with others.

The affordable rental cost of Home Base was another incredible blessing. We had prayed for a place where we could be close to family in the Twin Cities, but most rentals in the area were out of our budget. Home Base provided the perfect solution, and we are so grateful for the opportunity.

We would absolutely recommend Home Base to other missionary friends—and we already have! It truly is an oasis during a challenging time of transition. The love and care put into the home by Calvary Church made it a welcoming place for our kids, and it became a home to them.

Housing is a big challenge for missionaries on home assignment. Finding a place that fits a family's needs for a temporary time, especially one that is fully furnished, is difficult. Our family arrived with just a few suitcases, and we would have needed to find everything else for the year. On top of that, we're on a tight budget. These details add up, and it can be overwhelming to ensure a smooth transition while juggling all the logistics. Home Base truly made that part of our transition so much easier.

From Kenny & Karissa Young

The Christian & Missionary Alliance
(Stayed 11 months at Home Base)

In the spring and summer of 2022, we took a course called “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement” and were tasked with completing a project. After discussing with Calvary Church pastors, we decided to focus on reaching out to Somali Muslims, an unreached group. We submitted our project in September 2022, unsure how to connect with Somalis, despite the many living in the Twin Cities. But God answered our prayers—quickly!

Normally, Home Base is booked months in advance. However, in the fall of 2022 there was an unexpected opening for several months. Pastor Vonn contacted local partners, and Arrive Ministries responded, informing us that a Somali refugee family of seven was arriving soon with no housing. The Elmi family arrived in mid-October, and we formed a Calvary “Good Neighbor” team to support them.

The Elmis—father Abdirahim, his wife Shamsa, their children, and Shamsa’s disabled sister—were incredibly grateful for the affordable Home Base housing. It allowed them to settle in while Elmi found work. We enjoyed spending time with them, playing games and helping with their transition. Home Base became a perfect solution during their adjustment, and many aspects of their resettlement, including food, schooling, job searches, and finding an apartment, fell into place, all orchestrated by God. Elmi himself acknowledged it was truly a “God thing.”

From John & Joyce Gokey



upstairs—BEFORE



upstairs—AFTER



Quick Facts

- Our first guests stayed in January 2020.
- There have been 7 different families that have stayed at Home Base.
- Home Base has a 95% occupancy rate.
- More information: calvarychurch.us/get-involved/outreachimpact



dining area—BEFORE



dining area—AFTER



kitchen—BEFORE



kitchen—AFTER



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