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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die" We have experienced both of these truths within the last month. We are grateful for two new babies in our church since our last prayer letter. However, on December 14, we lost one of the men in our church to a brain aneurysm. Daniel was here in Rota serving as a civilian firefighter. He left behind a wife and three daughters. Daniel served in the US Navy before getting out and becoming a full-time firefighter.

I can still remember the first Sunday Daniel and his family visited our church. They walked in, and when I greeted them, I asked where they had moved from, and he said, "Alaska." Daniel and his family attended our church faithfully since that first Sunday. Daniel and Sandra also attended our monthly marriage fellowship and opened their home several times for us to meet there. He had been a real blessing to me in taking me to the bank on the base over the last three months. It gave us a great time to talk. He had last taken me to the base on Tuesday before his death. When he dropped me off, he said, "We will see you Sunday," I responded, "See you then." Little did we know that we would not see each other again in this world. We received notice after the morning service that he was in critical condition. DeAnna and I went straight to the hospital, and later that afternoon, he passed. In our email prayer letter that went out on the following Monday, we asked for urgent prayer that the family might be able to stay here in Spain to finish out the school year. By Spanish law, they could only stay in Spain for sixty days. Last week Sandra told us their extension to stay until the end of school had been approved. The picture of Daniel and his family was taken the previous Sunday for our church Christmas tree.

It was my honor to preach at the memorial service at the base chapel for Daniel on January 9. Before the service, there was a memorial walk from the fire department to the chapel. It was a beautiful service with Daniel's dad, mom, and wife speaking. As I talked about my memories of Daniel, I was able to give the gospel to all those present. Please pray for those who heard the gospel that day.

We are blessed with some great supporting churches and would like to thank you for your Christmas cards and Christmas offerings. It is because of your faithfulness that we are able to do what we do here for our military men and women. December 29 marked our fifth year here in Spain. We are planning to take a three-month furlough starting in October until after Christmas. If you would be interested in our visiting your church and sharing what God is doing, please email me at mstaley54@icloud.com. We realize we can't make it to every church during this short time; however, we desire to be a blessing to those we can visit.

In Christ,

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