



July 23, 2026

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

This past Sunday we had three new families visit Bethel. One of the new families had just arrived in the country ten days ago, and their three boys already had Spain soccer jerseys on! They were ready for the World Cup final between Spain and Argentina. After Spain won, we could hear our neighbors singing and chanting and setting off fireworks in celebration!

We are grateful that God sends visitors to our church weekly; it is really exciting! Rueben, Harold, and Tommy, who work in our parking lot to squeeze in as many cars as possible, do a fantastic job of getting people parked. It is like a game of Tetris when I look out and see cars coming in. I thanked the people yesterday for their patience with our parking situation. Several people have told us that either they or someone they invited were not able to find parking when they arrived for the services and had to leave. Please pray that God would give us wisdom and a solution to this ongoing "problem."

We recently said goodbye and were able to present a plaque to the Rawson family. As a reminder, this is the family that lost their husband/father back in December. Sandra and her three girls will be moving back to Alaska before the school year starts. Before going to Alaska, they are visiting family in California. Please continue to pray for this dear family.

This fall we have several families who will be leaving Spain, as is the natural ebb and flow of the military. Please pray for them in their transitions. However, we are grateful that new families are already arriving.

In June, DeAnna and I traveled to the States to enjoy a vacation with our immediate family. Our children traveled from Ohio, Virginia, and Georgia to be together. It was the first time being with all our children since 2019. Then we only had one grandchild; now we have six grandchildren and have added one more daughter-in-law! We had a wonderful time together. After vacation, we were able to be near our daughter Bethany and her family for a few days while they are on furlough from Ecuador this year. It was nice to see our grandchildren on several consecutive days.



During our visit to the States, I was able to preach in our home church on Father's Day and to report on our ministry at Springbank Baptist Church in South Carolina. We are grateful for each church that partners with us. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers! We could not do the Lord's work here without you.

In Christ,

*Michael Staley*

Michael and DeAnna Staley

