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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

The holidays are always a difficult time for our military men and women as they are away from home. This year DeAnna prepared a Christmas dinner, and we invited the single military personnel from the church over to our home. We had seven attend and had a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun. A few of them had just returned to port for the holidays, so it was nice to see them again.



Our new year started with excitement as a couple in our church gave birth to a little girl on the second day of January. This is the first baby born to someone in the church in the three years that we have been here. She was also the first baby born on base for 2024. Another exciting thing was that a young lady in our church who works in the hospital maternity ward was working the next day and was able to help the couple take care of the baby. The next baby to be born to families in our church is due February 20. It is very timely that we recently purchased a pack-and-play for the nursery!



In a military ministry, there seems to always be transitions with new people arriving and some people leaving. God has been so good to us in sending a couple of new families toward the end of last year. However, in January, Tai, one of our single sailors, received orders to return to the States. We enjoyed having Tai in our church and over to our house several times for supper. Before he left, we were able to present him with a plaque from the church. Please pray for Tai as he gets settled into his new duty station.

In our last prayer letter, we asked for prayer for our residence visa paperwork. We finally were able to get an appointment about an hour and a half away. DeAnna and I traveled there for the appointment and thought we had everything we needed; however, one of our papers was outdated. Thankfully the lady processed our paperwork and told us to email her the updated paperwork. Toward the end of January, we found out that our residence paperwork had been approved for another two years. Last week we went to Cádiz, which is much closer, and got our fingerprints taken and finished the paperwork process. Currently everything is good, so we just must wait six weeks now for our official residence cards. Thank you so much to all who prayed about this for us.

Many of you have sent special Christmas offerings, and “thank you” often does not seem like enough to say for your generosity to us! We are so grateful to all our supporters for your faithful prayers and support throughout the year. You are such a blessing to us. Thank you.

In Christ,

Michael and DeAnna Staley

