



March 14, 2024

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1. It seems that we are in a season of people leaving. Last Sunday we said goodbye to John, who returned to Virginia for some training before leaving the Navy. John reached out to us by email before we even arrived in Spain three years ago. He arrived a few months after we did. John has been faithful to the services during his tour in Spain. He also invited and willingly gave rides to several of the other sailors who did not have cars. One of those sailors was Andre. This past Sunday was Andre's last service with us before leaving for his next duty station in San Diego. When Andre first arrived, he would come to our house for meals or be in church, and he would hardly speak. Now, after a couple of years, he talks a little bit more but not much. While he was here, we were able to see Andre rededicate his life to Christ. We will miss John and Andre in our services.

Recently Romeo, the government contractor we have mentioned in previous letters, returned to Rota. When Romeo is on a ship working, he always takes tracts with him. During Romeo's couple of weeks here he invited Michael, Mallory, and Sabrina to church. They attended a service while Romeo was here; then Michael and Mallory came back the next week even after Romeo had left. This week Michael and Mallory brought two other sailors with them. Please pray for Michael, Mallory, Kevin, and Celestina's salvation. Truly there is a season and a time to every purpose.

We recently started a book club with several in the church. We finished our first book last month and met at our home to discuss it. It was a really rewarding time spent talking about the book, spiritual things, and the ways we can apply this to our lives. We have several books we plan to read throughout this year.

This month I am preaching on Christ's seven cries from the cross, leading up to Easter. It is a series that I have always wanted to do. We are planning for our annual Easter breakfast again this year; then afterward, we will have our Easter service. Just like in the States, we have people who will visit the church for the first time on Easter Sunday.

Last Thursday DeAnna and I were able to drive to Cádiz to pick up our new residence cards. These cards are good through December 2025. Thank you to all who prayed during the renewal process.

Thank you to all of you who continue to pray for us and faithfully support our ministry to our military. We are grateful for every one of you. We hope you all will have a Happy Easter. Jesus is risen!

In Christ,

Michael and DeAnna Staley



Cadiz in the distance

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