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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." -Proverbs 31:28

Although Spain celebrates Mother's Day a week earlier than the States, we celebrated and honored our mothers on the American holiday. Moms in attendance were recognized and given a basket of pedicure products.

In May we had people coming and going. One couple went back to the States for their wedding and then traveled for their honeymoon. Another young lady returned to her home, Sierra Leone, also to get married. At the end of the month, one of our newest couples, who have been a great blessing since they started attending, also left temporarily ~ he left on patrol, and his wife went back to America during his deployment. The single guys are also still out on patrol. A couple that attended while visiting their grandson and another lady in our church also returned back to the States for three months. The good news is, Lord willing, they will all be back!!

Visitors

We were honored to have Pastor Kelly Senn and his wife Gina visit us for a day. They were on a cruise ship that ported in Cadiz. Cadiz is about 45 minutes from us by car. (We can see Cadiz from the shoreline.) We were able to pick them up and spend the day with them. We attended the same church in England over 30 years ago when we were in the Air Force and then were members of the same church in Florida. They have been faithful friends for many years. Kelly was raised in Rota as his dad served in the US Navy. He said that Rota seems more like home to him than anywhere else. We showed them the church and around town before returning them to their ship in the afternoon.

The next day Rusty and Elizabeth Pilalas visited us from Germany. They are military missionaries there. Brother Rusty was stationed in Rota years ago. It was our first time meeting the Pilalases, and we enjoyed lunch and getting to know them.

Coastline Newspaper

We advertise regularly in the base paper for Bethel Baptist Church. In May the paper did an editorial on the church. It included some pictures of our Sunday morning service and a short article about the church. We are grateful that they highlighted the church and our ministry here.

More Ships

At first it was just rumors, and then the President mentioned it, and just recently Spain signed an agreement to allow two more ships to home port here in Rota. That takes us from four ships to six. That is good news for us as it means more military men and women and their families will be stationed here.

Please pray for all our military men and women wherever they may be serving. Thank you for your prayers for us and our ministry to our military.

In Christ,

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