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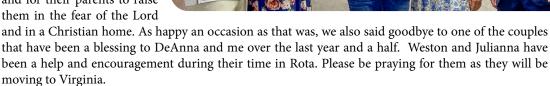
Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

## Church News

As I sit in my office on this Monday morning reflecting on the day the Lord gave us yesterday, I write with a smile on my face and joy in my heart. I am thankful for the opportunity to minister to the men and women who serve in our military. Yesterday we were honored to have Baby Dedication Sunday.



We prayed for these two little ones that were born this year, and for their parents to raise them in the fear of the Lord



Last Sunday afternoon we met for the second time with the married couples that attend our church. We had a previous introductory meeting in July when we laid out the plan and hopes for the Military

Marriage Ministry. At the first meeting we had eight couples attend. On the 4th of August we had our second meeting and again we had eight couples, but not the same eight couples as previously. The thing that thrilled my heart was how every couple did the homework that was assigned from the previous meeting of making some marriage goals for 1 year, 2-3 years, 5 years and 10 years. The lesson was on how to make marriage work when they are separated on deployment or TDY. At the first meeting I asked the couple helping us how much time they had been apart during his Navy career. In 16 years of marriage they have been apart seven years due to his navy patrols. Several

of the couples will soon be separated for the next four months as their ship returns to patrol. Marriages in the military face some challenges that most of us would never understand. The participation from every couple yesterday was wonderful.



## Prayer Requests

We have recently had several opportunities to share the gospel one on one with several people but they are not yet ready to put their faith in Christ. Please pray for Chen, Jacob, Alexandrea, Susanna, and Marisa specifically and others who visit and hear the gospel but do not make personal commitments to Christ.

## Birthdays and Anniversary

Last month DeAnna and I both celebrated another year of life. On the 18th we celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary. We would like to thank you for your cards, texts, and emails wishing us a happy birthday and happy anniversary. We appreciate your thinking of us and praying for us.

In Christ,

Michael and DeAnna Staley

