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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

Psalm 150:6 says, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." This was a chapter that we read recently in our Bible during the morning worship service as we have been reading Psalms of Thanksgiving during November.

We had our third annual Thanksgiving dinner at the church with 27 people attending. Besides the meal, the kids and teens played table games and decorated gingerbread houses that a lady in the church made while the adults played an outside game. We tried to offer a feeling of home for the holidays to those who are far away from theirs. Even though many people traveled over Thanksgiving weekend, the Lord filled the church on Sunday.

The Lord has been blessing, and we have had to set out chairs in our services this past month. We have had some of our highest attendance days in the last few weeks. Our parking lot has been full, and people have even started to park along the road. Because of the increase in attendance and families with small children, my wife has started a junior church during the preaching part of the service.

We meet with the married couples monthly for our marriage ministry. In November we had our highest attended meeting yet with 18 people. We had two new couples who attended for the first time. Our topic was "Stress in the Family." Our military couples deal with even more stress than the typical marriage with deployments and patrols that separate the couples for months at a time.

Recently the ship USS Oscar Austin arrived in Rota as its new home port. This is the first of two new ships that are scheduled to be stationed here. We have had three sailors from this ship visit our church recently. We look forward to the opportunity to minister to more families in the future.

Please pray for us as we continue to minister to our military personnel. Some of the men have inquired about starting a Men's Bible Study. Pray that God will give us wisdom and direction in these areas. DeAnna and I would like to thank each of you who prays for us and who supports our ministry to the military so faithfully.

In Christ,

Michael and DeAnna Staley

