



July 10, 2025

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

We have just celebrated the July 4th weekend, celebrating 249 years of our country. The base had a Fourth of July celebration with food stands, carnival rides, and music followed by fireworks at the end of the night. I was able to attend with several of the families from our church. Others took the opportunity of the extended weekend to travel in Spain or throughout Europe.

### Comings and Goings

In June, I had the opportunity to participate in the retirement ceremony of Senior Chief Matthew Orlowski. His wife, Nicole, and their kids had been in the church the longest and were here even before DeAnna and I arrived. Matt, because of schooling, arrived a few months after us. They have been a great blessing in the church and to us personally. Matt served as our song leader for the last three years, and their daughters and son helped with the media and sound during services. Matt asked me to do the Invocation and Benediction at his retirement ceremony, which was an honor and a blessing. We are grateful for the Orlowski family and their service to our country. Please pray for them as they get settled in the States and seek direction in their lives.

At times it seems we are always giving out a Bethel Baptist plaque for people leaving. Chad and Grace also returned to the States last month for a new training assignment. Chad was instrumental in helping us begin the Men's Bible study. Please pray for them as they are expecting their first child on July 21. We also said goodbye to Marissa as she returned to the States to attend a Navy school. Marissa had been faithful to the services when in port and had come to our home the last two Christmases for lunch.

Last month we honored five of our families that reside in Spain and may never leave. We wanted to thank them for their faithfulness to Bethel. They are really the core of our church.

Thankfully it is not always people leaving. In the last two months we have had two new families, one young lady and a single mom and her son, begin to attend Bethel with one of the families joining the church.

### Bible Study

The Men's and Women's Bible studies continue to do well. My wife has seen an increase in her Bible Study attendance. Pray that we can continue to minister and bless the men and women during this time.

### Family news

Our sixth grandchild and second granddaughter was born in Quito, Ecuador, on June 25. We welcome Rylie Kate to the world.

Thank you to each of you that prays and faithfully supports our ministry to the military here in Spain. Words alone can't express our appreciation.

In Christ,

*Michael Staley*

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