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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Bible Study

When Chad first attended our church, he asked if we had a men's and women's Bible study. I told him that we did not but I would be willing to start one. In February, we moved our midweek service from Wednesday to Thursday nights followed by separate Bible studies. We currently have eight men and four women that have been faithfully attending. It has been encouraging to lead the men as they have been open and willing to share, which makes it a very productive time.

One of the things I have learned in working with the military men and women is that I have to be flexible in the ministry opportunities and seize the moment. Our marriage fellowship began because of a couple that had a heart for marriage ministry. Even though they have moved on, we continue to have the marriage fellowship to help and encourage the married couples in our church. This is the same with the Bible studies; because of Chad's interest, it was easy to get the studies started.

Goodbyes

At the end of last month we said goodbye to a German/American family who had been attending our church for the last several months. Tim and Lilia lived about 50 minutes away from our church, but having attended Pensacola Christian College, where they met, they wanted an English-speaking church. During their last service before they moved to Canada, the family of seven sang a couple of songs for the church. Needless to say, they are missed!

Seabee Ball

DeAnna and I were invited to attend the Seabee Ball (our first military ball!) to celebrate the 83rd anniversary of the Navy Seabees. (C.B. stands for "construction battalions.") It was interesting to see the tradition and pageantry of the ball. According to tradition, they have the oldest and youngest Seabees cut the birthday cake. They do not use a normal cake knife: they cut the cake with a sword! Both of us, being veterans of the Air Force, were feeling a little nostalgic; it always brings back many memories when we see so many people in uniform.

Family news

DeAnna and I recently found out that we will be grandparents again. Our daughter, Bethany Bloom, is due on July 4 with our sixth grandchild and our second granddaughter.

We would like to thank all of you for your faithfulness and prayers for our ministry to the military. Please pray for our military men and women that serve around the world.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Staley".

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