



August 28, 2025

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

As I was preaching last Sunday, I looked out the window to see that our parking lot was overflowing with cars. Four cars had parked in the middle and a couple parked along the road. The last two Sundays have been some of our highest attended services.

Church Activities

On August 17 we had our Back to School Sunday as the students started a new school year the following week. We introduced each of our students to the church family and presented them with a little gift. Then we had a special time of prayer.

Our men's and women's Bible studies continue to grow. The women's Bible study has grown in the last few weeks, for which we are grateful. We recently asked a few of our teen girls to watch the kids during the Bible studies so the moms can attend without distractions.

Yesterday we had our monthly marriage fellowship, and two new couples attended. We started the fellowship a little over a year ago. Of those that attended yesterday, only one of the seven couples were at our first meeting, due to changes of station. It is always exciting to share with the couples how they can strengthen their marriages. Pray for our military couples. Many of them deploy and are gone from their spouses and families for months at a time.

35th Wedding Anniversary

DeAnna and I celebrated birthdays at the end of July, and on August 18 we celebrated our 35th anniversary. We took a three-day trip to England where we first met while we were both in the US Air Force. Besides going to London and Oxford, the highlight of our trip was going to RAF Upper Heyford, the air base where we were stationed many years ago. Even though the base closed in 1994, many things have not changed throughout the years. The sign that DeAnna and I are standing beside is the original sign outside the building where we worked during our time in England and where we first met.

While we were stationed at RAF Upper Heyford, we attended Victory Baptist Church, a military church just outside the base in Steeple Aston. It was there that we both accepted Christ as our Savior, and September will mark our 35th spiritual birthdays! We are thankful for that military church and how we grew in our faith as babes in Christ. We are so thankful to have the opportunity to preach, teach, and disciple the military community here in Spain.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our military personnel. We are grateful for your faithful support that allows us to minister to our military. We appreciate those who wished us a happy birthday and anniversary!

In Christ,

Michael Staley

Michael and DeAnna Staley

