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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Bethel Baptist Church

We enjoyed our highest attendance recently with 22 people in the service. God has been sending visitors our way, and we are grateful! It is always a little nerve-racking and exciting to see who will show up each Sunday. So far I have only had to preach to just my wife once.

In a military ministry we have to get used to people coming and going. Recently a young man that had been attending the church services left for ship duty for an extended period of time. We were able to have him over for a home-cooked meal before he shipped out. One of the young ladies that has been attending regularly has received orders and will be PCS'ing (Permanent Change of Station) to Norfolk, Virginia, in May. She will be our first to leave.

Making some updates to the church building has been exciting. Now that the auditorium has been painted, we can add some new decor and updates to the audio/visual system. Soon the outside painting will be finished, and a new roof for the patio entrance added.

Language School

DeAnna and I both have completed the first of four levels in our Spanish course we are taking. As much as it has been a great help to have a foundation in Spanish before arriving here, after not speaking Spanish during our 12 years in the States, we felt we needed a refresher course. The Spanish people compliment us and say how well we speak, but we realize they are just being kind! It has also been interesting and educational to see how many language differences there are here in Spain when compared to Peru!

Restrictions Continue

Although there have been fewer COVID cases, the last few weeks the restrictions still have continued. Right now we are allowed to travel within our province, which has been nice. Restaurants are allowed to open a little later as well. The military still cannot eat inside of a restaurant or be in groups of more than six. We are hopeful that after Easter some of the remaining restrictions will be lifted.

Pallet

Our pallets that we shipped from the States arrived last week. It took about a month at sea and a month in the Netherlands before our shipment arrived at our doorstep. We sent mostly books, decorations, photo albums, and clothes that we were not able to take on the plane. The picture is of all the stuff in our patio before finding it a place in our home.

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful financial support. We pray that you have a wonderful Easter celebrating the resurrected Christ!

In Christ,

Michael and DeAnna Staley

