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Church News

On Sunday, August 21, we had Back-to-School Sunday. We recognized each student with a gift and then took them to McDonalds for lunch and ice cream. We also kicked off our new Sunday School theme: A Journey Thru the Bible. Our goal is to get an overview of the Bible book by book. Each family in our church was presented the book *How to Master the English Bible* by James M. Gray

It was a blessing these last two Sundays to be reunited with sailors who arrived in their home port of Rota for a short time. When they are here, they are faithful to church, so it has been wonderful to see them again after a couple of months out at sea. We have been praying for them and will continue to do so as they go back out this week to finish the rest of their patrol.

We recently changed our midweek service from Thursday to Wednesday night to allow one of our men to attend more faithfully. With that change another family started attending as well. Last week we had our highest attendance for a midweek service, which was a real blessing. After finishing a series I was doing on Wednesdays, I asked those that attended to write down any questions about the Bible they might have so I could address them. I got several great questions. We answered many of them the following week. One was a question on heaven, so we are currently studying on Wednesday nights what the Bible has to say about heaven.

Last week DeAnna was able to volunteer on base and welcome a new ship to port. During that time she was able to talk with a young lady and invite her to church. This past week a young man visited the church from a newly arrived ship in Rota.

Anniversary

DeAnna and I celebrated our thirty-second anniversary on August 18. We went to Sevilla for a very enjoyable day. Thirty-two years ago DeAnna and I attended a military church in Upper Heyford, England. We both got saved during a revival, so we will soon also celebrate our spiritual birthdays ~ September 2 and September 9.

Next week DeAnna will be starting a Bible study in our home. She has had three ladies that do not currently attend our church reach out about participating. Pray for the study to be a blessing and a help to these ladies, and pray for DeAnna as she leads this study.

Prayer

Please pray for our military men and women and families. It is never easy to be away from family during patrols or their family in the States. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support. We appreciate every one of you.

In Christ,



Michael and DeAnna Staley

