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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”* Luke 2:11

We are so grateful for the birth of our Saviour! Last month, after preaching through the book of 1 Corinthians and before starting the book of Philippians, I preached a series of messages about salvation and the security of salvation. One of the messages I preached was “Judas, Where Are You?” At the end of the service, a young officer asked if he could meet with me that week. We met on Tuesday night at a local restaurant. He told me that the message on Judas had convicted his heart and that he was not sure of his salvation. I was able to share verses with him and asked him if he would like to ask Jesus into his heart. He said he would. So right there, in that crowded restaurant, he bowed his head and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ! On Sunday, Harold shared with the church family his testimony that he had accepted Christ.

We are so thankful for all that God is doing here in Rota, Spain. Our church attendance has been good even through Thanksgiving when so many of our military travel. We continue to sit out extra chairs for our service, and almost every week we recognize a first-time visitor. We have had three of the ships’ chaplains attend our services in the last couple of months. One of the chaplains and his wife have been faithfully attending our Sunday school and service for the last month. To relieve our parking issue, we have begun to shuttle a few people about a quarter of a mile to a parking lot down the road.

On Thanksgiving Day we had a meal at the church for those who were not traveling or had other places to go. This year we had 28 people. It was really a very special time with those who were able to attend. After Thanksgiving we put up the Christmas decorations in the church in preparation for the Christmas season. We look forward to our Christmas candlelight service, which will be held on Christmas Eve. It is always a special service as we read the Christmas story, sing Christmas hymns, and close out with singing “Silent Night” in the candlelight.

It is hard to believe that the 29th of this month will mark our fifth year in Rota, Spain! We are so grateful for all that God has done here in those five years. We have seen many people come and go, but God has been faithful.

Please pray for us as we are in the process of renewing our residence paperwork here in Spain. It is not a complicated process, but the hardest part is scheduling the initial appointment. We believe that this time our residence paperwork will be for five years, so we are excited about that possibility.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support over these years. It is because of you that we can be here to minister to our military men and women. Please pray for our military that are separated from their families during the Christmas season.

In Christ,

Michael and DeAnna Staley

