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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

*"He is not here, but is risen:"* Luke 24:6 We are looking forward to our Easter service this coming Sunday. Since our arrival in Spain, we have had an annual Easter breakfast followed by our morning worship service and are planning to do the same this year.

### Ship returns to port

This past Sunday we welcomed back several of our sailors on the *USS Roosevelt*. They had been on patrol for their normal four months and were extended two additional months due to the conflict in the Middle East. I think we had seven people from the ship in our service yesterday. With them back, that means others in our church are currently out replacing them on patrol. Please pray for all of our military men and women during this time. Pray that God would watch over them and keep them safe.

### Baby Dedication

Back in January 2024 we had the first baby born to a young couple in our church, and since then it seems that the number of children at church has continued to grow. Praise the Lord! In March we had a baby dedication service during which six families dedicated their children. We presented each of the children with a New Testament Bible. We are grateful for these families and their desire to raise their children in a Christian home. With more children came the need to start a Junior Church for the toddlers. They are dismissed before the preaching. On average there are seven to eight toddlers who attend. We are thankful for all the little ones!

### Church News

The Lord continues to bless the church with visitors on a weekly basis, the need to set out extra chairs, and an overflowing parking lot. The men in the church are in the process of fixing up the playground area for the children. They have already fixed and painted the old swing set and are looking to purchase another one. We are having artificial grass installed around the play area as well. Hopefully this will be done within the next couple of weeks.

In February we invited several of our young military men and women to our home for fellowship so we could get to know them a little better. We had 18 attend, enjoyed some fellowship, and had pizza afterwards. We will be doing the same thing again the week after Easter. I am grateful for young men and women that have a heart and love for God.

We would like to thank you for your prayers and faithful support. We are excited about what God is doing here in Rota, Spain, and are grateful for the opportunity to serve our military men and women.

In Christ,

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