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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Acts 14:27 *"…they rehearsed all that God had done with them."* We are so excited for all that God is doing here in Rota, Spain, and how He is working at Bethel. For about the last year, our parking lot with nineteen spaces has been full, with cars parking in the middle of the lot four deep in two rows, as well as a few cars parking along the road. Because of this, in August, we decided to go to two morning services. We now have services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The first week we started the early service, we had four families attend Bethel for the first time, and junior church had fourteen toddlers, ages one to five. Before the long Labor Day weekend, we were averaging a little over one hundred people in the combined services. All glory to God for the growth over the last five and a half years we have been here! Going to two services has helped our parking situation even though the parking lot is still almost full for each service.

For the last five consecutive Sundays, we have said goodbye to families. Some are PCS'ing (Permanent Change of Station) to another duty station, and some are getting out of the military. On their last Sunday we presented each family a plaque from the church, asked them to share a testimony, and prayed for them. It is exciting to hear how thankful they are for the church community and the blessing it has been to them during their time in Spain.

In August we had three Sunday fellowships. Ten couples came to the Marriage Fellowship. We shared a devotional on the spiritual influence parents have on their children and then had a barbecue and some fellowship. Later in the month we had some of the Young Adults in our church over for fellowship. Then we ended the month with our very first Teen Time and had thirteen teens over for pizza. Our goal was to get to know the teens better and to hear their goals for the new school year.

The men's and women's Bible Studies after the mid-week service continue to do well. The men have been journaling about their daily Bible reading, and each shares what verse impacted them during our Bible Study. It has been exciting to see the men begin to make Bible reading a priority.

Recently I was asked by a lady in our church to do the invocation at her promotion ceremony. Lieutenant Ramirez was promoted to Lieutenant Commander. It is always a special honor to participate in these ceremonies.

As we conclude this prayer letter, we want to thank you and your church for your faithful support and prayers for our ministry. Each of our supporting churches has been so faithful over these last five years. We look forward to continuing serving our military community here in Rota, Spain.

In Christ,

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