

CHRISTMAS 2025



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Happy Holidays, friends and family!

This year at the Villa, we experienced big changes! I am often amazed by how much life happens in such a short period of time. The amount of rotation our community has experienced and how much we enjoy being around each other during the week supports my recent belief that we live in a time warp over here in Rota!

One huge transition in my ministry this year was when my 8th-grade girls graduated from middle school, and I then transitioned to leading a small group of 6th-grade girls. I had led this first group since I first moved to Rota two years ago and did not realize the vast differences between the two ages. There's certainly a lot of growing up that happens in middle school! Although it has been different, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to pour into these 6th-grade girls. I have learned how important face-to-face time is with kids. If you show up enough, they start to trust that you will be around and will let you into their lives.



Group photo from the student retreat. This was the largest retreat yet with our base chapel; we reached maximum capacity with 60 middle and high school students! We also brought four of our young adults as leaders. It's so special to see our people sacrificing their weekend to pour into the youth.

In early November, we took the youth group to the annual Point Youth Retreat, which was my third time attending. Even though it was freezing in the mountains of Malaga, Spain, it was a sweet time, where the girls were able to draw close to each other in a safe space and ask faith-related questions. These girls come from a mixed bag of faith backgrounds; some are poured into with Bible knowledge from their parents, while others don't even understand what it means to be saved. The girls with faith backgrounds have a huge influence on those who don't, and I'm watching seeds being planted by their peers!

This mixing of people with different faith backgrounds is also happening in our young adults group. People who wouldn't overlap in everyday life are excited about getting to know each other through the Villa. This connecting piece is a way God is using us to impact the military community, and it brings me joy to be a bridge for these relationships. I see this a lot in our current community of women. We have an incredibly solid group of women leaders right now, and it has been so encouraging to see "iron sharpening iron" in these relationships.

God answered our prayers this year about sending more married couples into our community. I remember chatting awhile back with my newlywed friend Kayla about her inability to connect well with the singles since she was married. God worked quickly, and we now have eight married couples, contributing to our solid community of women leaders! It has been a joy to witness these ladies step into leadership and service in the ministry and to encourage one another in their walks with Jesus.



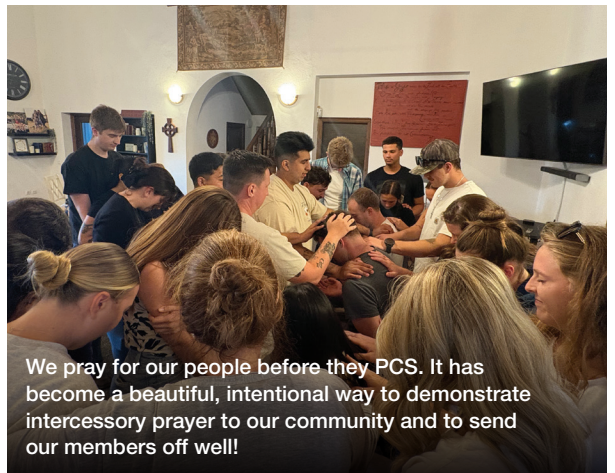
The crew from our Fall Monk Retreat, where we hand-copied the book of Philippians. This discipline of slowing down and handwriting Scripture has worked its way into the daily routine of some of our young adults! I love doing life with these people!



Our welcome back routine when a ship returns from deployment! When they leave, we write their names and expected return date in the living room, then when they return, we get to cheer as they erase their names!



We have reached a new high of average attenders for Thursday nights at the Villa. This photo is from the summer when the Blockers went to the States and we experienced a massive influx of sailors! It has taken a bit of creativity to fit everyone, but what a good problem to have.



We pray for our people before they PCS. It has become a beautiful, intentional way to demonstrate intercessory prayer to our community and to send our members off well!



I am filling glasses with ice at the Villa's 50th Anniversary celebration. This weekend was such a good reminder of the legacy we get to be a part of here in Rota and beyond! It was special to invite our current young adults into this event by having them help serve.



Our girls headed to the Navy's birthday ball! We all met up at the Villa beforehand to get ready and take photos. It has been such a blessing to have this group of women leaders!

This type of God-centered community is our goal as missionaries to the military, and God has placed in me a desire to continue in it. I have decided to pursue the Cadence candidacy process in order to become a full-term Cadence missionary after I finish my time with the Villa in May, 2026. I am incredibly excited that the Lord has placed this desire in my heart to serve the military community.

I have been reminded recently that ministry cannot be done alone! God has not only blessed me with an incredible team with whom I do day-to-day ministry, but also with you who have faithfully supported me through prayer, encouragement, and financial donations. As this year comes to a close and I look to the future, I am aware of some upcoming needs. I want to finish my time in Rota strong. Your continued monthly donations make it possible for me

to live here and do ministry. I am also planning to attend Cadence's worldwide staff conference in Wisconsin at the end of June. Between travel and conference expenses I need to raise about \$2,000. I believe this conference will be especially important as I pursue full-time status with Cadence. Would you prayerfully consider if the Lord is asking you to partner with me by donating a special end-of-year gift to my missionary account? You can donate by going online or filling out and mailing the enclosed return slip.

Thank you for your support over the last year in what God is doing here in Rota. Lives are being changed!

Thank you,
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