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...that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
2 Timothy 2:4

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Going Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Missionaries to the U. S. Military

Naples, Italy

January — March

“Stedfast”

2019

1 Corinthians 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

The above verse is going to be our ministry focal point for the year. Stedfast. Unmoveable. Abounding in the work. Our labor is not in vain. The Lord has used these words (and many more) to encourage us and keep us on the mission field. We have recently celebrated our 18th anniversary serving as missionaries to our military families in Italy.

Since our last letter a young military couple started attending church. She came from a religious background while he basically has no religious background. Diane was able to lead the wife to the Lord one day at Bible study. Join us in prayer as we minister to and pray for the husband's salvation.

Our New Year started off much different than any other. We spent the first week of January holding personal life counseling sessions for a fellow minister. We praise the Lord for how HE worked and ordered our steps to make this happen. Please pray for W as God continues to work healing and restoration.

Our daughter, Elizabeth will be graduating from PCC this May. Therefore, we are planning a two month furlough (April—June). We'll visit family and report to some supporting churches along the way. We are thankful that our church is in a position to care for itself while we are gone. Several of our men and women have stepped up in discipleship and able to lead the church for a short time.

Thank you for the care demonstrated toward us by your notes and cards, prayers, and financial support. We are able to stedfastly serve here in the Naples, Italy area because of your gracious care.

Prayer Requests

- ~ Salvation of a man we'll call H.
- ~ Salvation of a lady we'll call M.
- ~ Spring Furlough safety/provision
- ~ Healing/Restoration of W.

Praises

- ~ Salvation of a lady we'll call D.
- ~ New folks coming to church.
- ~ Able to help another minister.

Thank you for making it possible for us and our church family to Go beyond the Yellow Ribbon and support our troops for eternity.