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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

April — June 2017

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance,  
to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: Colossians 4:3

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Lord continues to open doors in our military community. Our base passes were renewed which gives us liberal access to the main base site. This is where the housing, schools, hospital, chapel, and shopping areas are located.

Memorial Day will have a new meaning for one lady in our church. A.R. was recently saved and her baptism was held at the nearby beach on Memorial Day. After which, our church family shared a blessed time of brunch and fellowship at our house. Thank you for supporting us to make these blessings possible!

We've been able to participate in group Bible studies on the base, attend our church children's school performances, and fellowship at the food court. Diane was recently appointed to the position of Titus II in the base ladies' Bible study group that has a couple hundred members. This is an advisory/counselor position. God is definitely enlarging our ministry opportunities.

We are continuing to see visitors on a regular basis and have many "fringe" families. Pray with us to edify them and see some become faithful members. Weekly Bible study and discipleship classes continue to be highlights to our week.

PCS (permanent change of station) season is upon us. It is a sad time when we have to say farewell to some of our faithful military church families. It is also a time of anticipation and looking forward to God adding new families to the church. These are new families to love and teach God's Word! Pray with us for God to replace those who move with new families through transfers and by being saved!

A missions team from Vandalia Baptist Temple in Ohio will be with us in July and conducting our VBS. This will be an exciting ten days for our church and the pinnacle of our summer ministries with both American and Italian children in attendance. Pray with us for new contacts. Pray that many will come and receive the Lord!

*Thank you for helping us ....*

Go beyond the Yellow Ribbon and support our troops for eternity.