

The Roper family



Missionaries to the U.S. Military Worldwide



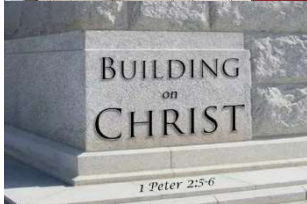
“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ...” Romans 13:14

Ciao from Sicily,

I trust you are enjoying the blessing of the New Year 2024, thus far. We, first, want to thank each of you for your faithfulness. Your prayers and support keep us here, ministering to our military and to the English speaking populous.



January was busy with ministry opportunities for many of our people, including our son Joshua. Our song leader was absent one Wednesday night and he stepped-up to fill the gap during congregational signing. We also enjoyed returning to our monthly fellowships: Games nights, men's prayer breakfasts and ladies' luncheons.



Mid-month, I revealed our theme for 2024: "Building on Christ", from 1 Peter 2:5-6. Calvary Baptist Church is officially under construction! Prayerfully submitting our lives to the Master Builder Himself. The people have responded well to the preaching and the Lord is at work. Please pray He will build in our lives what He desires. We also completed our own construction project, creating a storage area underneath the sound booth. This is one of many projects we look to accomplish this year. We eagerly anticipate all the work ahead!



One way we know the Lord builds lives is through one-on-one discipleship. I had the privilege of presenting certificates to a Sailor and his spouse, upon completion of their discipleship course. They begin the journey before we got here with Pastor Hamilton (CBC's former pastor), and we are grateful all parties saw it through.



Update on our Permesso di Soggiorno: We were able to submit our living permit applications, after several months of research and trips to the immigration office. We have interviews scheduled, but not until Aug/Sep. Please pray the process will be smooth and all the requirements fulfilled.



February started with the Lord adding to our church. A DoD contractor joined, and it been a joy to watch him get involved in the ministry here.

As the month continued, we looked forward to future events. Our people stayed, after one morning service, to prepare ~3,000 tracts to be printed or labeled, in anticipation for Resurrection Sunday. These will be used as invitations to our "Empty Tomb" Sunday in March. Pray many would attend as they have indicated, and many would receive Christ as Savior, entering the building project alongside with us.

Jan - Feb 2024

Praising the Lord for:

- Ministry experience for Joshua
- Good fellowships
- Bro. Will joining the church.

Prayer Requests:

- For our military: protection, souls to be saved, wisdom for leadership at all levels.
- For laborers to answer the call and come into the fields
- Building on and for Christ this year. To bear fruit that remains.
- Living Permits, interviews, and paperwork.
- **Empty Tomb Sunday**
 - ❖ Tracts and invitations would lead to many souls being saved on Resurrection Sunday.

Thank you to all that sent gifts to our children for Christmas and to those that gave more to our family. Your generosity brought smiles and joy to our hearts and even met needs before they arose.

God is Good!

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