



John & Debbie Martin

MISIONARIES TO THE US MILITARY

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

September 2018

Dear Pastor:

WE'RE HOME!! We made the first flight out of Naples on August 31st, landing in Norfolk, VA. From there we rented a car and drove the 5 hours to Philadelphia where our daughter and her husband live. We had a nice visit with them and their church – Bensalem Baptist Church. The Pastor and his church family were a great blessing and encouragement to us. We spent a week there looking for any flight west, but with hurricane Florence looming, we opted to purchase tickets back to Seattle, arriving Tuesday evening. After picking up our van, fixing a flat and a night in a hotel, we made it home on Wednesday the 12th of September, just in time for the mid-week service in Summerville.

As we look back on the two months in Naples, we are thankful for the opportunity God gave us to minister in the stead of the Olsen's. We praise the Lord for his work there, the souls who are ministered to, the encouragement we drew from their sweet fellowship and the protection while we were there. We had the opportunity visit several ancient ruins in the Naples area including: Pompeii, Capua, Paestum, and the biblical city of Puteoli (modern day Pozzuoli).



In my first letter from Naples, I mentioned the church sign just outside the main gate of the base in need of replacement. I finally have a figure for the replacement cost of the sign: \$1000.00. The sign is weathered and was hit by a vehicle, knocking it over. If you are interested in being a blessing to the Olsen's or Bible Baptist Church you may send any donations to: Matt Olsen at BIMl missionary number 1104.

The Olsen's hit the ground running once back in Naples, starting a new bible institute series on their first Sunday back. There was great interest in the church family with about 8 members participating, and some not able to attend the first week due to travels. During our time there we had one military family rotate back to the states, but the Lord replaced that family the same weekend they left with a young sailor and his wife. As we were leaving, they were on their third consecutive Sunday.

As we settle in at home, we are already preparing for our next duty, but as of yet we don't know where that may be. God has been faithful to us and we are happy and motivated by his grace to continue. Please pray for us as we faithfully wait HIS next call.

Semper Fidelis, John and Debbie Martin

"The Lord God, merciful and gracious ... and abundant in goodness" Ex 34:6.

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