

The Roper family

Missionaries to the U.S. Military Worldwide



“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.” Romans 12:15

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Co-Laborers,

A heartfelt greeting to each of you who are holding the lifeline for our family: Whether in prayer, financially, or by plowing the harvest fields with us. The Lord's presence, protection, and provision continues to overwhelm us as we journey on.

In our last prayer letter, we closed with this statement not knowing that just a few days after it was written we'd be facing another “re-direction” from the Lord: “Every change of plans, stop, or slowdown has a purpose.” We were in Ohio, when we received the call that Jeremiah's dad had unexpectedly went to be home with the Lord. Within a couple hours, we were headed to New Mexico. Obviously, this was not in our plans, but we are certainly grateful this took place now and not when we are across the Atlantic.

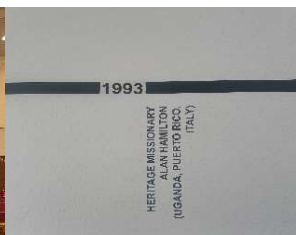
We can't even fit on this prayer letter the ways in which the Lord showed Himself mighty on our behalf during this time. We are especially thankful for the support shown by our Pastor and church family, who, although not physically present made sure we knew they were with us. As was the case with many others. Your prayers, words of encouragement through email, texts, cards, flowers, and financial help are deeply appreciated.



After spending a few days in New Mexico, we drove back to South Carolina to finalize the sale our home. You prayed with us, and we officially closed on the 27th of September! We received full-asking price and the process was seamless. We hardly had time to digest that reality because we had just enough time to have it packed, picked up, cleaned up, and off we went again! We are glad the Lord led us to sell now, rather than later, when we'd be even closer to getting on a plane to Italy.

The Hamilton's, current missionaries in Sicily at Calvary Baptist Church where we are headed, have been so faithful in keeping us updated on what the Lord continues to do in His church. We have been greatly encouraged to hear how the Lord is working through of the zeal and efforts of existing members to bring new visitors, the lost coming to His saving grace, believers being discipled, and even a successful children's Bible Club held in August. It makes us want to get there now but we know God's timing is perfect. For now, we continue to rejoice in His faithfulness during deputation and how He is working in this season of our life.

We praise God for how close we are to full support. We only need seven more supporting churches between now and January 22nd, which is our last scheduled meeting. We are praying about a March departure. The Lord bless you for your partnership and faithfulness in praying, giving, and going!



Pictures below are from Heritage Baptist Church in Woodbridge, VA: The Hamilton's sending church.

August- September 2022

Current support level:
89%

Praises:

- New supporting churches and ministries
- The love and support during Jeremiah's dad's passing
- Opportunities to share the gospel
- The sale of our home
- Protection & provision during the 17,327 miles driven over the last 3 months

Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom and protection for our military
- More laborers into the harvest
- Many miles of travel in the coming months
- Places of rest and renewal amidst a very busy schedule
- Please pray with us for our next home in Sicily. 3 bed & 2 bath with a space for school

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