<u>Ministry to the Military and Internationals</u> has a church in Vicenza Italy—less than one hour west of Venice--needing a new pastor this Fall/Winter. The current pastor is returning to the US this September.

<u>Who we are</u>: MMI is a confessional and ordinary mean of grace ministry which preaches Christ crucified, dead, buried and resurrected. We are a ministry of Southeast Alabama Presbytery.

<u>Ideal candidate</u>: Ordained or ordainable in the PCA with at least 5 years pastoral experience. Retired military or US military Reserve member--US military retirees and Reserve members have access to US military base facilities including shopping and recreation activities. Italian citizenship of pastor or his wife alleviates strict Italian visa requirements. More below.

<u>More Information</u>: The church has 50-60 congregants, mostly US military and family members. About 25% of the church is other nationalities. All services are in English. Italian language skills are not required, but will be required for longer term visa.

Italian visa requirements are very strict. To live in Italy the pastor or his wife must be an Italian citizen or of Italian descent from one or two generations. Other options for visas include retiree visas which necessitate a retiree income of \$40,000+, or being under the US Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) in Italy—which requires either the pastor or the spouse to have a full-time position directly supporting the US military (these positions are difficult to get, but possible). There are a few other visa options, but as stated Italy is very strict.

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