

August 17, 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Italian life tends to slow down quite a bit in the summer as people don't do much during the daytime because of the heat. They use much of the month of August for vacation, and even several shops in our town close for 2 or more weeks. The flip-side of the day-time quietness is that the playground is always bustling with kids and teens playing late into the night (even after we go to bed, we can still hear toddlers playing happily outside!).

At the end of July, we showed a Christian film for one of our evening services. We did this last year, and it was a great opportunity to share the message of the Gospel in a different way. Gino, the neighborhood teen that has come faithfully to almost every activity at our house for the last couple of months, watched the film. Please continue to **pray that the message of the Gospel will take root in his heart**. We find encouragement knowing that the seed's growth is dependent on God and not on our ability (or lack thereof) to speak in a convincing-enough way.

Ilario is still without work but has used some of his extra time to minister to some refugees.

Gina, one of the ladies that Stephanie speaks with regularly at the playground, will be heading to Romania in 2 weeks and will remain there until January or February. Please pray for her soul.

Diego struggles with many issues, but the primary issue is his lack of submission to Christ. Tom has frequent contact with him, Simone, Alberto, and Matteo, who also have spiritual needs.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us and the work in Italy. We appreciate very much all that you do on our behalf.

Upcoming Events

- 8/21—Teen class
- 8/24—Tom's drivers' test
- 8/26—Teen activity
- 8/27—Men's prayer time
- 9/4—Teen class 9/9—Teen activity
- 9/18—Teen class
- 9/27—Ladies' Bible study

For the Sake of His Name,

Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo



This month, Nino started K5, Daniela started 1st grade, and we celebrated Angelo's 3rd birthday.

