

August 17, 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

**Thank you for praying for Rina.** She decided to compromise and come to church every other Sunday instead of none at all. This is a great step in the right direction.

Mario has not accepted Christ as his Savior, but he continues to attend church fairly regularly with his family. **Please continue to pray for his salvation.** 

For a couple of weeks before our coworkers get back from their furlough, Ilario, an American missionary (works about 45 minutes away), and a retired Italian pastor are dividing the preaching responsibilities. Our church seems to be carrying on well. We trust God will grow our people and keep them faithful to Him.

**Praise God, He provided us with a vehicle to use during these few weeks in the States.** It is the exact type of vehicle we were hoping for (5 seats and good luggage space) and is our "home base" for this furlough! Thank you so much for your prayers.

We left home the morning of August 6, and arrived in Greenville, SC, the evening of August 8—after some travel delays and blessings (we got to sleep in a hotel in London instead of in the airplane because of a delayed flight and missed connection!). The kids are amazed at all the new things they see (i.e., ice, drinking fountains, mailboxes, squirrels, beautiful yards around each house, crosses on so many churches, and many American flags). We had a very nice time worshipping with Sonlight Baptist Church in Colbert, GA, August 13. It was the first American Sunday school and children's church that our kids remember, and they were delighted to be with other children and have a teacher other than their mom.

We are hoping to be an encouragement to the churches and people we visit during the 8 remaining weeks here. We will be at churches in SC, NJ, PA, and OH. Thank you for your prayers!

For the Sake of His Name,

Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & baby girl

