Dear Praying friends,

The last month has been a very different month for us and our church. While the spring time brings along many yearly opportunities to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, this year it also brings about major changes for our small assembly. After our morning service on March 25, our coworkers, Frank and Sherry DiBagno, announced to the assembly that they would be retiring after 36 years of ministering to the people of Italy. While we have been aware of this impending change, the timing was a big shock to our people and was very emotional for all. Frank and Sherry will remain with us until the end of this year, after which they will transition to a stateside ministry. They will be returning to Italy next summer (2019) to fill in for us as we take a brief furlough to visit our supporting churches that we weren't able to visit last summer. Please pray for us all as we work through all of the details of the transition and for the DiBagno family as they work through their transition stateside next year.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrated the Lord's Supper. It was a wonderful reminder of the significance of the death of Christ. Serena played the piano for our kids (a first), who sang Romans 10:9-10. We had our annual lunch the day after Easter (a national holiday), which was attended by more than 25 people, including several unsaved friends. We all had a great time enjoying fellowship, eating, and playing games together.

Simone (professing believer) has had a number of medical tests run to find the solution to his health difficulties. **Please pray that he will follow the doctor's advice and grow closer to Christ through this time.**

Silvia (professing believer) is pushing for a wedding between her niece (professing believer) and her unsaved fiancé. When Stephanie tried to talk to Silvia about what constitutes saving faith, Silvia didn't have a satisfactory answer. **Please pray for the spiritual needs of all three**.

Noemi, the unbelieving wife of a professing believer in our church, has made a decision that complicate their lives. Please pray for her salvation, for resolution to the consequences of her decision, and for spiritual growth for her husband, Carlo (who remains nominally committed to the faith).

Tom continues to spend time with neighbors, including Matteo and Alberto. Alberto had surgery on his knee, which was complicated by a blood clot. **Please pray for their salvation**.

Please pray for us as we work to apply the Bible to the needs of our people, our neighbors, our children, and ourselves.

For the Sake of His Name,

Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & Gabriella

YOU ARE WORTHY...FOR YOU WERE SLAIN, & HAVE REDEEMED US TO GOD...OUT OF EVERY TRIBE & TONGUE & PEOPLE & NATION. REV 5:9

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