

Dear Praying friends,

The work on the building our church will be renting is progressing well. Tom has pretty much navigated all of the legal obstacles (praise the Lord that is behind us), and he, along with Simone and Diego, has put in many hours working on the electrical system (putting in the wiring, outlets, and setting up the place/box for the meter). We're praying that the electric company puts in the meter very soon so we can turn on the electricity in the building. There are still other things to be done (painting, putting in flooring, light fixtures, a sink in the bathroom, etc.), but we hope to start moving our things in in a week or two. Praise the Lord for all that has been accomplished. We are planning a cookout after our morning service October 7 to celebrate how God has led our church. Many have been invited, and we trust this will be the beginning of many new open doors and conversions in Deruta. Our coworkers have also invited many of their long-time neighbors to the last few services (during September) that will be held right in their neighborhood (in the old location).

**Ilario is once again waiting on his work contract to be renewed** (as promised). In addition, a factory lost 3 of the finished ceramic pieces of a multipanel piece of art he was making for a client. He is praying they will be found undamaged. Please pray that his children will grow spiritually through his example of faithfulness.

School started September 12 and is progressing as expected. It's always pretty chaotic for the first 2 weeks as we wait for the school books to come in and the teachers decide the schedule and what supplies the students need to buy, etc.



Construction progress

However, the kids don't know anything different and are enjoying the lack of homework and requirements during this time.



This week, while the kids were listening to a Patch the Pirate CD, Angelo said, "We need to learn this song in Italian!" Yes, but sadly, all the great English resources that help the American Church are NOT available in Italian. We are still praying for good Italian resources (such as a Bible memory app) to be created.

The trip Tom took with the teens last month went very well. It was an encouragement to our teens, and they are looking forward to the next time we can arrange something of that nature.

Thank you for your prayers for unity and for Christ to be glorified as we work through this transition time!

Daniela's 8th birthday

For the Sake of His Name, Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & Gabriella

