December 15, 2018

Dear Praying friends,

Please keep praying for our church to receive a legal rental contract on our new location.

Please continue to pray for my (Stephanie's) Thursday night kids' class. Behavior has not improved, and I can no longer send our disruptive children out for Tom to handle since he is teaching the adult class.

We have been giving out cookies and Gospel calendars to neighbors, delivery people, government workers, friends, teachers, etc. **Please pray for fruit**.

Thank you for praying about our health, we had some ups and downs this month, but I think we're doing better overall.

We had a number of extra hospitality and and social opportunities recently—related to our coworkers' moving and retirement. We praise God for the grace He gave to handle all of them while taking on added responsibilities in serving the church. We trust God was honored by the special services and fellowships and that our church (and we) will grow through this change. Our coworkers would also appreciate your prayers as they adjust in America.

We are now working through establishing a new normal (since our coworkers left on Wednesday). There are many things vying for our time, and we need wisdom and organization to know and do the things God wants us to do.

I would also like **prayer related to my language skills**. I get along fine generally, but I am most concerned about the difficulty of understanding the details and counseling our ladies through the various nuanced situations that they may face.

Our three older kids had glowing reports from their parent-teacher conferences. We're thankful that they seem to be adjusting well to Italy and they are not (currently) detriments to our testimony. **Please continue to pray for their language acquisition and for God to change them from the inside out**. In January, I will be looking for a new piano teacher for Daniela. I hope to find one who is a great match for her and her needs and an open door for our witness.

We had the privilege of celebrating Gabriella's first birthday in November. She continues to attract attention and conversation from people everywhere (as do our other children).

Thank you for your interest and prayers that Christ will build His Church in Italy.

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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