January 17, 2019

Dear Praying friends,

Please keep praying for our church to receive a legal rental contract on our new location. God is answering, and it seems like steps are being taken in that direction.

Thank you for praying for my Thursday night kids' class. Things are slowly improving with the behavior of the worst offender, though others have taken up a bit of the slack.

This month has been busy. We had a church lunch the day after Christmas, and held a special church service, played games, ate, and set off fireworks for New Years' Eve. Tom organized and led a teen activity January 5th. Teens from 3 other churches attended. They had a cold outdoor scavenger hunt, lunch (made by 2 ladies in the church and me), a challenge from God's Word, played laser tag, and walked around the downtown of Perugia. We trust it was an edifying time for all of them. Tom also led our church's first annual meeting and communion this month.

Our ladies' Bible study continues to meet each Wednesday afternoon with 2 to 6 ladies attending, and we will be finishing the book of Ephesians this month. I have been following a daily Bible-reading plan with 3 ladies in our church and am getting close to memorizing through the 2nd chapter of James with Serena. I also did several visits at the hospital for an elderly lady in our church. The new responsibilities (including teaching an extra kids' class, teaching the ladies' Bible study, playing more piano, etc) have kept me busy, but I am enjoying them.

Ilario received a new work contract (just for this month), but hairline fractured his 5th vertebrae a few weeks ago, so he has been resting these days and will not be able to return to work for a while. **We trust his work contract will be renewed** when he is able to work again. Praise God for his joyful spirit and the way he has been redeeming the time by studying the Bible and encouraging those who go to visit him.

The kids are eagerly praying for snow, and we are praying for them to love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

Tom has offered to do individual Bible studies with a couple of our men, but they have not taken him up on the offer. **Please pray for all of our people to be busy studying, applying, and sharing The Word**.

Thank you for your interest and prayers!

For the Sake of His Name,

Stephanie for all of us (Tom, 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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