

April 14, 2019

Dear Praying friends,

As we spread God's Word, we encounter interesting situations. Tom had the small opportunity to talk with with **Leandra**, a **Muslim**, regarding our inability to be good enough to get to heaven and about the only way to God.

A **cashier at the grocery store** recently asked me for a second tract because someone had taken the one I had originally given him before he could read it. How strange to see actual interest in a tract!

After one ladies' Bible study, there was a big and disheartening discussion because a couple of the ladies (professing believers) saw no difficulty with giving money to the Catholic Church or working together with them—even to the extent of swapping "pulpits" (such as Tom speaking there or having a priest speak at our church). **Pray with us for the conviction and illumination of the Holy Spirit in lives**.

Ilario continues to give announcements and lead singing regularly and to preach once a month. His heart and service is a big encouragement to us. This month our church unanimously voted to make him our first lay elder.

Giulia, a lady who has attended on and off for years, has been very faithful at services and Bible studies recently. We are encouraged by her seemingly great interest and rejoice at how God is working in her at this time. Please pray that she will remain faithful.

I had the excitement of taking one of our ladies to the hospital because she had been stung by a scorpion (she is just fine—though the scorpion is not). I attended a funeral for the father-in-law of a friend, and I also went to visit our elderly lady in a nursing home. The nuns were there, holding a mass for the residents. It was a discouraging time because our elderly lady participated along with the rest.

Tom continues to periodically help our neighbors Alberto and Matteo with various electronic or business needs. Pray for their salvation and the salvation of their families.

**Diego** has worked several hours away for 4 weeks in a row (coming home on weekends). This weekend he didn't bother to make the trip home. He could be possibly be working away from home through August. **Please pray for him to remain faithful even while away**.

Thank you for your prayers for our family and ministry!

For the Sake of His Name,

Stephanie for all of us (Tom, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & Gabriella)

