August 15, 2019

Dear Praying friends,

We finished out our 2-month furlough with a few more enjoyable meetings in South Carolina and in Ohio and had uneventful flights back to Italy July 29 & 30. Thank you all for making our time in the States so special. We do love the Church—in no-matter-what country.

Thank you for praying for our adjustment back to hot Italy. We have had some very hot days (and nights), but today we are thanking God for a break in the heat and a beautiful breeze.

We have jumped back into ministry and are enjoying it. The last two Sundays we have had two ladies visiting. One is from Cameroon and speaks almost no Italian (speaks French). The other is from Columbia and speaks mostly Spanish. These ladies have also come to the ladies' Bible studies. **Please pray with us as we work to reach out to them** as we are able and that they will learn Italian quickly. We praise God that He has already given us one lady in our church who speaks Spanish and one man who speaks French, so at least they are able to communicate with these ladies.

We had the big surprise of seeing **Gemma show up at the ladies' Bible study last week**. Honestly I had given up on her, but some of you must have kept praying. Thank you. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any acknowledgement of any personal need.

Giulia continues to grow. She has recently started sending Bible-verse messages to her son and friend and passing out tracts to all of the people in her town (leaving them at their doors). This is a huge step for her. **Pray with us for the salvation of her adult son and fruit from her tract distribution**.

Tom and Ilario are working on some improvements to the building our church rents. One thing they are doing is making screens to put in the windows (screens don't ever come already installed in buildings or homes). This is not as simple as it sounds since the biggest window doesn't have a regular window frame to work with. They are also trying to get some kind of exhaust fan in the bathroom since it has none. In addition, we have yet to put out our church sign since we haven't gotten it mounted in a way that will work for us and our landlord and won't require us to pay the city a yearly fee. Tom and Simone are working on rewiring the fans so they can be turned on and off independently from the lights with a switch on the wall (currently someone has to climb up a ladder and pull the cord on each fan to turn it on or off if we want it to act independently from the lights).

The kids are working to finish their summer homework (assigned by the Italian schools) and get back into the swing of things. Thank you for your prayers!

For the Sake of His Name,

Stephanie for us all (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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