

## THE BOEHMS IN ITALY



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Dear Praying friends,

In the mid 1500's, the Roman Catholic Church, in the midst of great upheaval due to the Protestant Reformation, held a series of meetings known as the Council of Trent (1545-1563). It was in this time that the RCC doubled-down on many of the heretical doctrines that continue to define her today. At the center of this council was the denial of two doctrines that we hold dearly as believers in Jesus Christ: the doctrine of justification by grace alone and the doctrine of the Scriptures. It was at this council that the doctrines of works, purgatory, and indulgences were confirmed. It was at this council that the Latin Vulgate was officially declared inerrant and thus the only Bible of the RCC. These, along with many other doctrines, form the core of the difference between the truths that we celebrate and accept today as believers in Christ and the beliefs held by the church which has long been a shadow of darkness over Italy and much of the world.

*"If any one saith, that the justice received is not preserved and also increased before God through good works; but that the said works are merely the fruits and signs of Justification obtained, but not a cause of the increase thereof; let him be anathema." - Council of Trent, Session 6; 'On Justification - Cannon XXIV'*

*One of the anti-biblical statements of the Council of Trent*

This past month Tom had the privilege of visiting several sites in Italy that were important in the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. Along with Trento (where the council of Trent was held), he had the opportunity to visit a place about an hour from our house that held one of the last Roman Inquisition posts in Italy. It is a sobering reminder of why we are here and the work that lies ahead of us.

Things are starting to settle into a rhythm at school (though still changing :)), and we passed out treats, thank-yous, and invitations to our church (with a link to a tract) to all the teachers, janitors, and the secretary. **We pray for fruit.**

Our church sign should be by the street in time for services this Sunday. We **continue to pray for people to come and hear the Word** and hope this will be a help in finding us. We have had sporadic visitors and are looking forward to a **special day October 27** with a regular service and then a time of singing and testimonies followed by lunch.

Ilario continues to work, but **his work situation is precarious**. We also ask prayer for the **salvation of our neighbor, Liliana**. Her mother is in failing health, and we have many opportunities to interact with her and her mother.

Giulia's mother has had some physical struggles recently, and just celebrated her 86th birthday. Stephanie goes to visit her periodically in a nursing home. **We pray for the whole family to take spiritual steps through this trial.**

THANK YOU for your prayers!

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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