March 11, 2020

Dear Praying friends,

Thank you for praying for our health. We have recovered from all the sickness we were having and even all made it to church together a few times. However, as you already know, the corona virus is traveling around Italy, and the fear hysteria is rampant. Schools are closed through April 3 (The teachers send work for the kids to do at home, and we email it back to be corrected, etc). All stores except for grocery stores, pharmacies, and those that carry essential goods are closed (i.e., coffee shops, restaurants, salons, clothing stores, etc are closed). We are to stay home unless we have a job to go to (that isn't closed) or have to get food or medical supplies or are getting exercise (walks of some nature are allowed, but we are not allowed to meet in groups or be closer than a meter from anyone). In addition, we are not allowed to meet together as a church until at least April 5. Even though it feels so strange to be so isolated from our church, we still have the privilege of calling our people to talk and pray. Tom will provide messages, passages to read, etc to our people in order to keep feeding their souls during this time of quarantine. Pray for us as we work to reach out (from our home) in effective ways, and for Italy as the economic implications are enormous. The regulations change daily, but I can't imagine they could get stricter than this.

Giulia's mom had a stroke a few weeks ago, and I went to visit her in the hospital a couple of times before the corona-virus scare banned me from the hospital. She really isn't doing well, but as she told me (before the stroke—she can't really speak now), she is ready to see Jesus.

The unsaved wife of one of our church—attenders had a major surgery almost a month ago, and I visited her a couple of times and brought her a meal—before the bans. **Pray for her salvation.**

Our neighbor's (Liliana's) mom passed away last week, and I was able to go to the funeral (now funerals are banned—only grave-site gatherings by immediate family members are allowed). We continue to **pray for Liliana's salvation**.

Thank you for your prayers! We a busy during this chaotic time and are so thankful that we have a team back in America praying for us as we navigate these constantly-changing ministry opportunities.

For the Sake of His Name,

Stephanie (for 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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