

## THE BOEHMS IN ITALY



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Dear Praying friends,

The coronavirus continues to affect much of our lives—as it has yours. Our restrictions tightened shortly after our last update, and we weren't even allowed out to go for a bike ride or walk. The kids spent 3 solid weeks in our apartment—only leaving to take out the trash with Tom or me. Tom and I (on separate occasions) left a few times to go to the grocery store (only the closest to our house is allowed). This past week, we have been able to take a walk outside our apartment building (no more than 100 meters from it) for half an hour (as long as no one else is out in the area—so we take turns with the others in our apartment buildings). We take our “shift” in the mornings.

We have been meeting with our church via Zoom, and that goes as well as it could. There are several who meet with us physically (when we could in the past) who haven't met with us yet online. We try to keep up with people through WhatsApp (texting app) and phone calls, but it is honestly getting old for someone (me) who really does not like to talk to people on the phone. It's been different not seeing our friends or neighbors, but we **are thankful that we've still had contact with some and been able to do some grocery shopping for one.**

**We praise God that we aren't lacking anything.** Even though the grocery store that we're allowed to go to doesn't have the best deals or all the stuff that we enjoy getting at the open market (closed now) or at the Lidl 15 minutes away, we have more than we need. In addition, it doesn't matter too much that the groceries cost a little more since we don't have to fill our cars with gas (we can walk to the store). :)

**Praise God that the virus itself has remained relatively distant from us** as we live in the least affected region in all of Italy. Of its nearly 900,000 people, there are currently only 582 positive cases (1,322 total cases) and 54 deaths.

We have started working on a tract dealing with fear/depression so that we will have something to give out when we are able to be in contact with other people again. **We trust God will soften and open hearts.**

Thank you for your prayers!

For the Sake of His Name,

*Stephanie (for Tom, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & Gabriella)*

“But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:  
‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine’.”

Isaiah 43:1

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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