

June 15, 2020

Dear Praying friends,

It has been a month of changes and adjustments. **We have thoroughly enjoyed being able to meet and worship together as a church**. I admit that the masks do not assist with anyone's comfort level, but God has given us a fairly cool June so far—for which I'm extremely thankful, because it helps. This Sunday we had almost a full building. We are allowed 30 people in our meeting place, and we had 28. Our singing has never been very musical, but it has been great to hear everyone making a joyful noise together again.

We began a new Sunday school hour (we never had Sunday school before) in lieu of our evening service. We have homework and a memory verse each week to prepare for the lesson and have been pleasantly surprised at the turnout and the participation. The Sunday school hour gives us the same amount of teaching/preaching time that we had in the evening service, but more people are coming and participating than ever did in the evening services.

We are praying that the government restrictions loosen—particularly regarding the obligatory masks and the sanitization of the building after every use (though we are not expecting that to happen too soon).

Giulia's mom passed away this month. Tom was asked to read some Scripture and have a time of prayer with the family, and Stephanie was allowed to attend the funeral (number of people was limited). Giulia's sister handled all of the arrangements for the funeral (Catholic), but we are working with Giulia to arrange a memorial service for her family and our church. Please pray as we work to coordinate a good time with their work schedules and that the service would be an encouraging time for believers and used by God to save souls.

The kids successfully completed the Italian school year via zoom on June 9. We are unsure of what the next school year will bring—mostly for Daniela (due mainly to the COVID-19 restrictions but also to other things already under consideration). We would appreciate prayer as we work through those decisions this summer.

It has been wonderful to be out and about with our friends and neighbors again. **Please pray for the salvation of souls in Deruta**.

Thank you for your prayers! For the Sake of His Name,

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

