

December 15, 2020

Dear Praying friends,

If you had asked at the beginning of this year what December would look like, it would not have been difficult to name several things that we would do, as December is (as is the case for many) normally a very busy month, but often exactly the same year after year. But, as has been the case around the world, our December looks very different than anything we could have imagined back in January.

We appreciate your prayers on our behalf for the current lockdown situation in Italy. While the "ease" of utilizing technology for our meetings was in some ways nice, it is always much nicer to be able to meet in person. We took advantage of the opportunity to "invite" guest speakers from around the country while we were meeting over the internet, and we are thankful for their ministry to us and our people during that time. On December 6th, our area returned to being a "yellow zone", which allowed us to meet as a whole church again that Sunday.

Mario continues to be in the hospital recovering from the virus, but we praise the Lord that he has been moved from ICU and into rehabilitation. **We continue to pray for his salvation and for the toll this is taking on his family**. It has been encouraging to see many people in our church serve them during this time.

Illario continues to search for work. We praise the Lord for his continued faithfulness in spite of this trial and for this opportunity for him to take on more responsibility in the church. He either teaches Sunday school or preaches on a weekly basis.

Though our normal ministries for December have all been cancelled this year, we trust God will use what we are able to do for His glory and purpose.

Merry Christmas!

For the Sake of His Name,

Tom (for Stephanic, 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