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Dear Praying friends,

More than any time in my almost 39 years of life I heard the phrase “I can’t wait for this year to be over.” Many were anxiously hoping that the end of the calendar year would also bring about an end to the upheaval of 2020. While the new year always brings with it the hope of better things, the one surety is that God will continue to work out His plan. This was true in all of the turmoil and loss of 2020, and will be true of whatever 2021 brings us.

We appreciate your continued prayers on our behalf. As we look back at the last year we can’t help but marvel in the ways that God has blessed us as a local assembly this past year. In a year that saw the church closed for the first time in its history, it was also a year in which the people took greater financial responsibility. It was an absolute blessing to see God’s people take responsibility for His work and dedicate themselves to the building of His church here in Italy. Even though some of the people remained without work for several months, it was exciting to see the people give abundantly, and **it was a great joy to officially vote to start saving toward the purchase of our own property for the church.** While we know that the path is long, we are eagerly watching to see how God will provide the funds for this goal.

The new year also gives us a chance to look back on how we are seeking to serve, and what changes we would like to make moving forward. A big part of any ministry is communication. With the wonderful blessings that come with the technology of our modern world also come many dangers. As we look at the current situations with the different communication methods available to us, specifically with regard to social media, we have concluded that it is best for us to withdrawal from certain aspects of that technology. We started this process several years ago as we sought to lessen our “digital footprint”. This year we have decided it is time to close our facebook account at the end of this month, and, along with it, delete WhatsApp (a texting app) from our telephones. You may continue to contact us through our email address, as well as text us through the apps Telegram or Signal.

Please continue to **pray for those that we know that are currently battling COVID-19 and the long recovery from it.** Mario is supposed to return home today—after nearly 3 months in the hospital, but he has a long road ahead. Please pray for **his salvation.**

We have been very pleased with the faithfulness of some who did not come so regularly in the past but are also disappointed by the absence of others. **Please pray that those who claim the name of Christ will give Him the place that He demands and deserves.**

For the Sake of His Name,

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