

THE BOEHMS IN ITALY



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Dear Praying friends,

We had an interesting month. The boys were put in quarantine (couldn't leave our apartment) for 10 days because of being in contact with classmates with Covid (and we barely left our apartment out of respect and precaution for our neighbors). Since then, they have been doing online school because the elementary school has closed. It may reopen toward the end of the month.

We have learned that Daniela will have to take exams (oral and written) at the public school at the end of the school year to "prove" that we have educated her adequately at home. The exams are to cover all the subjects and materials that the Italian 5th grade public school covered this year (which do not line up with what Daniela studied with BJU Press homeschool). I plan to go in March to present all that Daniela has studied to the principal. **Please pray with us that God will move the principal to require Daniela to take exams only over the Italian language and grammar and that we can get clear guidance on what to study**—that alone will mean a lot of work for Daniela.

Our area has become one of the worst (regarding COVID) in Italy, so we have been put in "red zone" and are generally to stay in or around our property unless we have a need (medical, food, etc). Our whole church is meeting via zoom for Sunday school and for our Thursday night prayer meeting so that we can continue in the interactive manner we enjoy. Tom is pre-recording the Sunday message and sending out the link, and I am teaching the kids' lessons at home "live" since our kids are the only kids in the class at this time. Our Wednesday ladies' Bible study is also meeting via zoom. Sometimes we are disappointed and do not understand the seeming lack of spiritual hunger in our people, but we continue to pray for God to use His Word to accomplish His good plan.

There are a number of health, work, and spiritual needs among our people. We also ask prayer for the salvation of our neighbors and for wisdom and opportunities in reaching out to them during this time.

Our apartment building has a leaky roof—which has caused some damage for us and the 3 other top-floor occupants over the last year. The work to be done must be agreed upon, paid for, etc by all of the occupants of our building, and the process is slow. We are also waiting on some other improvements (government projects to improve efficiency) to be made to our building. **Pray for patience and that these projects will actually be accomplished.** Thank you for your prayers. We appreciate them so much.

For the Sake of His Name,

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