Dear Praying friends,

Thank you for praying for the construction on our apartment building. No work has been started yet, but we are not surprised and will just keep praying.

Thank you for praying for my trip to visit my dad. He started chemo today. There are always hiccups with travel, and COVID complicates things a bit more, but I arrived everywhere I was supposed to arrive and only had to do a 5day quarantine when I returned home. I had a very nice time with my family and with the church I grew up in, and Tom and the kids did great.

llario's preaching at our friends' church about 45 minutes away went well. We are looking forward to hearing the message this week at our church.

There has been a gradual but continual addition of restrictions for entering various buildings and businesses all over Italy, but we praise God that there have been no additional restrictions placed on our church's meetings yet. We have been blessed to continue our Sunday services and Thursday prayer meetings without hiccups. We had to move the Thursday prayer meeting indoors (we were having it outside to alleviate a few of the restrictions) because sunset comes earlier now, and it's too dark and buggy to be outside. The ladies' Bible study on Wednesday afternoons continues to meet outdoors, though we will need to make other arrangements when the weather calls for it. It has been a privilege to meet together to worship, encourage one another, and study God's Word.

School is off to a good start for the kids. Daniela's homeschool and piano lessons continue without a hitch. The boys are at school in person with masks—no online school yet. Gabriella has enjoyed her little bit of time at preschool each morning, and it seems like the language exposure will be great for her. We're praying for opportunities with the teachers and classmates at the schools (and for Daniela's piano teacher who's mom still comes to church periodically). Unfortunately, many of the COVD regulations inhibit our ability to have reasonable contact with the school workers.

Please continue to pray for our neighbors and friends here in Deruta. We would love to see new spiritual life.

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

Thank you for your prayers and interest!

For the Sake of His Name.

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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