

December 15, 2021

Dear Praying friends,

Thank you for praying for my meeting with Maria to proofread the tract. We actually met 3 different times to discuss it in depth. After the first meeting, I was quite discouraged about my poor level of Italian (the writing style was inferior) and about Maria's lack of conviction and interest in the Gospel message. However, I am thankful for the opportunities to explain the Gospel and for the reminder to **pray and trust God to open hearts and eyes**.

I thank God that the tracts arrived a full week ahead of the anticipated date, and we have given some out already. The kids and I hope to put a bunch in mailboxes in the next week or so. We have cookie plates or bars of soap to go with the tracts to go to teachers (I think there are 23 between the kids), delivery people, neighbors, etc. **Please pray for a good reception of the Word**.

Praise God that the government documents arrived for the lady who attends our church.

We had some opportunities to serve friends in quarantine this month (grocery shopping/delivery), and Tom had the opportunity to preach for a different church (while llario preached at ours) because their pastors were in quarantine.

I have invited a few of the **kids' friends to come over Saturday morning (the 18th)** to decorate gingerbread houses with us. I am also hosting a **church ladies' Christmas party the 22nd**. Doing "events" (even small ones like these), is stressful for me, so I would appreciate your prayers.

Last week, Tom started installing a new microphone and recording system in our church's meeting place since we have had problems with the old one. In the process, he discovered that mice have chewed some of the existing wires, so he is running new wires today with Simone.

We are still waiting on the work to begin in our apartment building. However, Tom is to sign some papers tonight that indicate steps are being taken in the right direction. We also thank God that although we have had a fair share of rain, it has been spaced out, and **we have had minimal leakage**.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

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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