



January 15, 2022

Dear Praying friends,

The kids and I distributed close to 1000 tracts for Christmas—most of those we just left in mailboxes, but some were given with cookies or soap to friends, neighbors, teachers, delivery people, etc. **Thanks for praying.**

The Christmas events went well. Four little girls came to the gingerbread house party and had a lot of fun. Three of them had never made a gingerbread house before (it's not an Italian tradition). I also read the Christmas story to them out of a kids' Bible storybook. Since I had 2 leftover houses, Serena and I decorated them a few days later after going over another chapter of *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. Five ladies came to the ladies' Christmas party, and one "zoom-ed" in and gave a devotional on the meaning of Christmas. We also had several people over for New Years' Eve. We stepped out on the balcony at midnight to see the fireworks, but the fog was so thick (very normal here during December) we couldn't see any of them—though we heard enough booms to scare Gabriella. I am thankful that we made it through these parties successfully. **Thank you for your prayers.**

After Tom installed the new microphone and recording system in our church's meeting place, he discovered that there is a significant echo in the recordings. At our annual meeting this month, we voted to look into solutions.

Thanks for your prayers for our apartment building repairs. So far, no work has been started, though we signed paperwork to move forward a step.

Last month, Tom had filled in to preach for another church who broadcasts their messages on TV. We heard from Nino's teacher and a local pastry maker that they saw him on TV. It's encouraging to know people are hearing God's Word. **January 20-22, Tom is going to a conference in Rome** on the necessity of meeting together as a church. This topic seems pertinent, particularly in the COVID climate.

Daniela played the piano for one of the hymns for congregational singing on the 26th. We're hoping she'll do more of this in the future.

Thank you for your prayers and for your interest in our ministry.

For the Sake of His Name,

Stephanie (for Tom, 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