

Dear Praying friends,

March 15, 2022

Thank you for your prayers for llario—he is to start working at his previous job again March 21.

Rina's mother passed away, and **llario was able to give a Gospel message at the graveside**—as well as give tracts to those in attendance.

The war has started to put a strain on Europe. We do not have many refugees in our area because it is not a key location, but our church has found opportunities to contribute to the relief efforts in ways that will hopefully have eternal results. One of our ladies is from Moldova. She reports that her brother (in Moldova) is using his Christian camp property to house and provide for over 150 refugees, and more are coming all the time. The camp is overwhelmed. There is a Ukrainian pastor in Perugia (about 25 minutes from us) who collected/is collecting necessities and funds to transport them to the Ukraine on a bus. There are many other ministries reaching out from around the world. The effects we see personally are fairly minor. People are fearful. Various things have gone up in price and are in limited supply (each person is allowed a small number of particular food items), and there are empty places on the shelves. Gas is up to \$8.48/gallon. Olga, who attends our church periodically and is the mother of Daniela's piano teacher, has family in Ukraine and in Russia. **We pray for their family along with all those affected by this war—for physical as well as for spiritual needs**.

We continue to be busy among the people in our city and pray for spiritual fruit. Tom regularly helps with computer needs with Alberto and is busy with Simone, and I have contact with different ladies. A Jewish lady from France will be coming over Friday (the 18th) for coffee, and Maria (who helped with the Christmas tract translation) will be coming over for coffee on Tuesday (the 22nd). Piera, who had read her Bible through once (as an intellectual exercise), has not shown any more interest in it.

Please also pray for the spiritual growth of the people in our church. Giulia has been in poor health but also seems to be very creative in excusing her abundant absences from our gatherings. Iolanda, Anna, and Mario have also been absent more than present.

The boys are trying to learn to play in a competitive but gracious and kind manner with the other kids at the playground. There have been lots of bad attitudes and poor sportsmanship on all sides.

Thank you for your prayers!

phanie (fog Tom, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & Gabriella)

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