

April 15, 2022

Dear Praying friends,

We had a very strange month. The day after our last prayer letter we went into quarantine because Gabriella tested positive for COVID. Quarantine here means we were not legally allowed to leave our apartment for any reason except medical emergencies or COVID testing. COVID passed through all of us without any complications, and all of us except Daniela were released from quarantine Sunday afternoon (April 10). Daniela escaped April 13th. We were in church tonight (Good Friday Communion service) for the first time since March 13th. At the end of the first week in quarantine, Gabriella found a way to make use of the medical emergency escape clause when she whacked her head against the corner of a door frame, and it needed surgical glue. We are thankful for God's provision of a dear church family who did all our grocery shopping for us (along with a couple of friends) and of our neighbors, who brought us our mail (all except 2 packages that seem to have been swiped).

Because of the quarantine, I had to cancel the coffee meetings I had scheduled, and I had to switch the ladies' Bible study to zoom (though one got canceled due to Gabriella's emergency). Ilario and a couple of different missionaries preached during the month we were locked up. I recorded piano music from home, and the gatherings were able to continue (though attendance was significantly down at several meetings).

We had water outages for a couple of days (on and off), and our apartment building had another meeting about the work that needs to be done (we delegated a neighbor to speak on our behalf since we couldn't go). **Please pray with us that the work would begin (and be completed)**.

We are looking forward to being with our church on Sunday and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It will also be the first Sunday since the start of COVID without the chairs distanced or a limit on our capacity (those regulations have been lifted!). All the other regulations are still in place, but we are thankful that progress is being made.

Please pray with us for the salvation of various contacts: **Alberto, Simone, Elena, Maria, Gina, Tito, Liliana, Mario, Monaldo, Matteo, Sonia, and Sandra**. I had a clear opportunity with Elena at the playground yesterday.

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

Thank you for your prayers! Have a wonderful Easter!

YOU ARE WORTHY...FOR YOU WERE SLAIN & HAVE REDEEMED US TO GOD...OUT OF EVERY TRIBE & TONGUE & PEOPLE & NATION. REV. 5:9