

August 15, 2022

Dear Praying friends,

We have been studying the book of Nehemiah in our Sunday morning worship service for the better part of the last year. It has been a great blessing to see many respond to the challenge to be actively serving to accomplish the work of the Lord, even in mundane tasks. We have had many different people come and ask how they can help, even with things as simple as cleaning the bathroom after the Sunday gathering finishes. We have recently been studying the people's response to the reading of the books of the Law and **trust that God will use these studies to grow a more fervent desire in our people to worship Him**.

Tom had an opportunity to go to lunch with **Lucio** and talk with him for a couple of hours. It was a good opportunity to understand more about his plans and goals, both with regard to his schooling as well as his goals for service of Christ. While he is still trying to figure out where he "fits in" serving the local church, his willingness and desire to serve has been a blessing to see. Between his desire to be baptized and his visible growth in recent years, he has been a great source of encouragement to many.

The hot and very dry summer has caused limitations on water usage and decreased water in the lakes and rivers. We were **praying for rain, and God has answered**. We'd love to see more, but we're thankful for what we've gotten in the last week or so. On the positive side, we've had no dripping leaks in the roof all summer (though the usual spots are moist due to the recent precipitation). We are still praying that the work on our apartment building will begin in September as currently projected. We did receive a phone call asking for documents (which was encouraging), although they were documents that we had already given months ago. We assume it means that they were never forwarded on and were eventually lost, but we are happy to hear that there is at least progress being made toward the work again.

The church young people went bowling once, and some have come over to our house a couple of times to play games. Please pray particularly for Monaldo's and Diego's spiritual needs as well as continued growth for the others.

Thank you for your prayers!

Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & Gabriella

