



THE BOEHM FAMILY IN ITALY

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Dear Praying Friends,

Our ladies' Christmas party went well (10 ladies—including 2 guests), except for the fact that I said I would give a car ("Punta") each time someone was the first to find an item during our scavenger hunt (instead of a point or "punto"). Ha! I still regularly have trouble remembering which words have masculine endings ("o" or "i") and which have feminine endings ("a" or "e"). The Christmas Day service, lunch, and game time were well attended and enjoyed. A man who has only come to one church function in the last 2 1/2 years was there for the service and attended the following 2 Sunday schools and services as well. **Our church gave out a number of Christmas tracts and has been passing out an evangelistic booklet** entitled, "Which Way to God?"

The evangelistic Bible studies I was doing with Monia each week are on hold because she is not sure when or if she is interested in continuing—though she periodically shows up at church. She needs to decide what is most important to her. I left homework with her and continue to prepare (slowly) some follow-up Bible study lessons so that I will be ready when the next opportunity arises.

We praise God that the actual work on our building began Thursday (the 12th)—even though the workers have not yet completed placing the scaffolding around the entire building. The first project is scraping off the outer layer of cement—it's a very loud process and requires us to keep our shutters shut (to protect against falling or bouncing debris). At various times, we have given cookies, coffee, water, and tracts to **the workers—another opportunity for outreach**.

While the kids were out of school for Christmas, we hosted a lunch for a couple of other missionary families in the area, and Tom attended a service celebrating 50 years of service for a different missionary couple.

Ilario has been going weekly to a jail about 40 minutes away to hold Bible studies and is looking into some other Bible-study ministries with men around our area.

We praise God for good health through Christmas and all of the Christmas activities, but this week I and couple of the kids were sick. **Thank you for your prayers for Elisabetta**; she has now been placed on the urgent surgery waiting list and is expected to be called within the next month or so. **Another one of our ladies, for whom we've been praying for over a year, has finally been called to have her surgery on Friday (the 20th).** **Mario (unsaved) has returned to work** after his pulmonary embolism, but has other health concerns. **Praise God with us that the relative of one of our church members who had been kidnapped has been released.** God is working.

Could you pray with me as I work toward **writing a new Easter tract** to hand out? The kids enjoy "blanketing the city" with tracts whenever we have a new one, and Tom is working on organizing our church people to cover different areas with various literature.

Thank you for your prayers!

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