

## The Boehm Family in Italy

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Dear Praying Friends,

The work is continuing on our building. Just this week they began the actual construction (instead of only doing demolition).

**Elisabetta and Giulia had their surgeries and are recovering**. Giulia is waiting for the results from her biopsy, and they are still trying to adjust Elisabetta's medicine after her surgery. We have been passing sickness around our family for the last few weeks, and Gabriella is recovering well from a perforated eardrum.

I have been encouraged by the ladies' Bible study time on Wednesday afternoons. Four ladies come quite regularly and participate in meaningful ways in the lessons from 2 Samuel. Tom is preaching through Revelation Sunday mornings, and llario is preaching on the Old Testament sacrifices (when he preaches Sunday mornings). Our combined Sunday school class is working through the book of Mark (with homework and memory verses), and Thursday evenings the adults are studying Acts. Ilario has started teaching a Bible study with some Egyptian immigrants in Italy (on a video call).

On Thursday (February 16) I will be meeting with the middle school professors in charge of Daniela's end-of-the-year exams. **Please pray that the professors will provide clear guidance and that the requirements will be reasonable** for her annual exams (taken in June).

I have not made much progress at all on the Easter tract. Please continue to pray for this process and that it would be ready in time to be printed and ready for distribution this year.

Of cultural interest, January 22, we were surprised to see people and livestock filling an open parking lot and discovered that every year many people across Italy bring their animals (pets as well as livestock) to be blessed by their local priests as part of the celebration of Sant'Antonio d'Abate. The blessing is believed to protect and bless the animals. Sant'Antonio d'Abate is also invoked for protection from fires, and interestingly his name is the colloquial name given to the shingles virus.

Thank you for your prayers and interest in our ministry.

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

You are worthy...for you were slain & have redeemed us to god...out of every tribe & tongue & people & nation. Rev. 5:9