

The Boehm Family in Italy

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Dear Praying Friends,

The last couple of weeks in Italy were quite busy while Tom finished up various projects for neighbors, we tied up all kinds of loose ends, emptied the pantry, fridge, and freezer, and said goodbye to our friends and our church family until September. Even though we have frequent contact with our people thanks to technology, it was still very hard for us to leave. Our church is small, and it is noticeable whenever anyone is missing. We will miss our people, and we know that it can get discouraging to be down 6 participants—even for just one week.

Thank you for your prayers for our church in Italy. It seems as though things are going along without any problems. Our ladies will have a guest Italian missionary as their speaker (via zoom) for the ladies' Bible study on Tuesday (since we will be traveling, and I will be unavailable), and our church will have a guest preacher on Sunday.

Thank you for praying for our travels, especially with Daniela's recently fractured arm. We did not have too many extra complications (though Daniela got extra searches due to her arm situation, and one child got sick on the plane), and we made it to Seattle with all of our luggage. We have now adjusted to the 9 hour time change—just in time to head to the east coast and jump ahead 3 hours. :)

April 7, we had the privilege of worshipping with and updating Lincoln Park Baptist Church (Wenatchee, WA). It was great to meet their pastor and his family for the first time and to get to know them a little bit. Lincoln Park has supported us and prayed for us for quite a few years, and we are so grateful for their sacrifice, hospitality, and endurance.

April 9-10, we made the trip to Courtenay, British Columbia (Canada), where we had a very special visit with Grace Baptist Church. The pastor's wife has been influential in my life since when she was my 2nd-grade Sunday school teacher at Westerville Bible Church (Ohio), and Grace Baptist Church welcomed me for the first time when I visited as a 19-year-old in 2002. We are thankful for the church's faithfulness, testimony, and ministry to us. It was wonderful to see friends once again and also to meet new people.

Though it is not nearly as significant as the blessing of being with all of our churches (whether meeting new people, catching up, sharing burdens, or rejoicing together), and even though we live in a lovely area, we have been amazed at the beauty and variety of God's creation that we've seen in the last two weeks.

We have two intensive travel days (April 15-16) to make it to the east coast, and then a number of administrative tasks to take care of there (including renewing my drivers' license). Our next meetings will take us to North Carolina.

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

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