

The Boehm Family in Italy

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Dear Friends,

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Today is the Catholic feast of the virgin Mary's bodily ascension into heaven at the end of her earthly life — a dogma defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Of course, this is not taught in Scripture: it is one example of how the Catholic Church mistakenly attempts to exalt Mary to equality (or even superiority) with Jesus.

Last Sunday, I noticed that our attendance for Sunday school was almost identical to our attendance for the morning service. Usually there are quite a few more people for the worship service, but this time only 1 extra person showed up. **Please pray in particular for Anna, Elena, Olga, Siena, and Rina** as they choose how to spend their time and whether to attend or not each week.

Tom is busy translating Sunday school lessons, preparing lectures for the institute and messages for services, planning next year's short furlough, etc. He and Ilario continue to guide our three other men in their ministry involvement.

Our young people will meet to discuss the book they are reading August 21, and Tom will drive them to a get-together with the young people from another church (a little over 2 hours away) August 29. Tom will also be taking some of them to a conference on "the Christian life in a digital age" September 11-12 (about 4 hours away). **Please pray for their spiritual growth and wisdom for their life decisions.**

Daniela's Italian exams will be August 25-28. It is hard to know what to expect for any of our kids' exams, but this is a little more unknown since it's the first time dealing with this particular school and group of teachers. We also **pray for wisdom as the basketball association sets up their schedules and we decide whether or not our kids should play.**

Santino has not made a lot of progress after his stroke, and Silvia is making their house handicap accessible and is looking for someone to care for him at their home. **Please pray for Santino's health and salvation and for wisdom, strength, and spiritual growth for Silvia.**

This month, I got to meet the head of the Christian publishing company I volunteer for. We are thankful for his efforts in providing good books for the Italian Church.

Please continue to **pray for the people of Deruta to come to faith in Christ** including: Alberto and Chiara, Samuele, Mario, Simone, Diego, Giulia, Monaldo, Piera, Liliana, Marco, Matteo, Sandra, Valeria, and Sonia. We also ask prayer for the **spiritual needs of our own children.** Thank you!

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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