

Greetings saints,

Hopefully this update finds you well, pressing into Christ and all that he has for you, watching and praying, continuing in faithfulness to Him as the return of Christ approaches. Here is a bit of what has been going on for the past few months, what is going on now and what is coming up.

Family

Our little family is doing well by God's grace; started school today. Isy is in third grade, Olivia is going into first, and Brayden will start public preschool...all in Italian so pray him up. Hope and I are looking forward to some breathing time and taking advantage of a few free morning hours while the house is empty for the first time in the last eight years. Please pray for the kids, for their school work, their friendships, that they can be good examples and not follow bad ones.



Ministry

We're encouraged and excited about what God is doing in both fellowships. It's been quite an exciting and eventful several months. The churches are both growing and a good foundation is being laid. We just celebrated our first joint water baptism last week at the sea baptizing 5 people between the two churches. Many of you prayed for Romina and Fabio for the last

couple of years. Now both are saved, baptized and coming to church weekly! Glory to Jesus!

In June we began doing a bbq/concert outreach once a month outside on our church terrace the last Saturday of every month. God has really been blessing it and we are going to continue into the fall as weather permits. It has been encouraging to see some non-believers from the neighborhood come. CC Boise blessed us with a financial gift to get some patio furniture for the terrace. Thank you. This really spiced up the atmosphere and made it all the more accommodating. We are also actually using the tables inside for all of our services. Recently a couple in Christ, knowing that we were praying for a projector or big screen for the church, passed by and gifted us a big screen t.v. Now we are actually able to see the words for the worship songs plus have other options available. Let's just say our old-timer projector had issues! We are so grateful!! Thank you... (you know who you are). You can check out the CC Rome facebook page for some photos if you'd like. We also post spontaneous updates and prayer requests there too.



The end of July brought an outreach team from Operation Mobilization. They were a great blessing and worked hard. They actually put a big dent in the park project we have been praying about getting done for a while, among other things. The people with kids who play at the park were so blessed and amazed that we just did that on our own.



There is still obviously plenty of work to be done so please pray for need provision to complete the project. It will take another \$800 to finish just the wood repair.

After teaching at a conference in Austria for one of the German Calvary's, two weeks later, we drove back up there for our annual missions conference. Hope, the kids, and I were radically blessed and refreshed, as always. God was basically reminding us of the importance of obedience, the power and liberty in His Grace, and the call to be faithful.

We are now gearing up to start our English language and guitar lesson outreaches again. These are designed to bring people in and build relationships. There are many relationships we have in the community, which we would like you to be praying over. We had some surprising success last year doing a fall festival so we are praying and planning to do it up a bit bigger this October. Please pray as we seek to use all of these efforts to reach people with the love and salvation of Jesus Christ, our great God as Savior.

Thank you for your faithfulness to us and to Italy, for your fervent prayers, and your sacrificial giving that grants us the opportunity to do what we do to the glory of Christ. May God bless each one of you exceedingly and abundantly as you serve together with us in eternal kingdom purposes.

Pray for:

- Stefano and Roberto to be saved and delivered from alcoholism.
- Salvation for Claudio and Malfisia, Daniele the bar owner, Glauco and Carmine, Vito and Vanessa, Giuseppe and Irene. Pray for our landlord Claudio and his family that they would come to salvation in Jesus; the same for Fabrizio and his family, his father Giuseppe, and friend Gerardo who we met at the sea and have been coming some since.
- Doctors will be doing a biopsy on a bump found on Negist. Pray for healing, Gods peace, Godsglory ...
- Chantal is feeling better and her platelet levels are stable (Answer to prayer, Praise God). We are praying for provision for a commercial sewing machine for her so that she can work fromhome.
- The body - continued growth spiritually and numerically, for folks to get saved and disciplined,
people baptized with the Holy Spirit (a fresh outpouring, conviction, holiness, passion for thelost - especially for our new believers), walking in and operating in the gifts of the Spirit, marriages protected and strengthened, healthy families, pure and passion filled, focused singles, and for an over-all greater impact on the community around us. Ivano has specifically asked for boldness and empowering that he might be able to share more with his family. Ester is asking for the Holy Spirit's power in her life as well. Pray particularly for the area of individual giving, that people would not only grow in this area and be obedient to the Word, but that they could truly experience the blessing and rewards too. Do lift up the english/guitar lessons, upcoming outreach events. May God be glorified and pleased, may souls get saved and may the community be impacted by the light that shines. Pray for us as pastors and leaders as we plan, prepare, preach, pray, etc... that we would grow in intimacy with Christ, walk in God's power and wisdom, and grow in effectiveness as husbands, dads and leaders.

- Funds to finish the park reconstruction project. Favor from the city to get assistance as well as a fence and locking gate put up around the toys so that vandals can no longer destroy them.
- Continued growth for our association as we are taking on more families in need and providing food assistance to them. Wisdom and discernment, lots of love to dole out. Favor with food distributors and the city officials where necessary. More exposure to the community, more ways to serve those in need. Provision for single mothers: baby food and diapers are our biggest expenses, which are not furnished by aid organizations or food banks.