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Dear Praying Friends,

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### Patience is paying off

With so many Covid restrictions up till just recently, we had many particular ministry activities/gatherings on hold, outside of our regular church services. The Italian government has lifted most restriction, except masks and social distancing. This has allowed us to restart Sunday school classes for children, teens, and adults. A few out-of-town families, who had not been able to come, have since returned to our services. Though we continue online services, most all of our folks have returned to worshiping together with us. In May, it was great to have our first children's and teen activities in over a year. We are so glad to see familiar faces return and enjoy outreach to the young ones. We have missed them!

### Upcoming opportunities

We are looking forward to baptizing several young believers at the sea in the near future. Vacation Bible School planning is also in full swing. It is our big summer evangelistic push, and many of our members get involved in helping and bringing children for what we hope will be both a fun and fruitful time.

### Visitors

Recently, a young lady who had heard about us through another missionary came to our Thursday midweek service. As we learned a little about her, we realized her dad and she had driven a long way to come to our midweek service. She made a very early three-hour train trip to come back to our Sunday service, because there is not a doctrinally-sound church where she lives. It has been our desire for many years to see a church started in her area. Please pray with us for more laborers!

### Souls

Thank you for praying for Rosanna (the sister of a lady in our church). She has struggled for some time with deep depression. Whereas, before she was not very receptive to the Gospel, she now seems to be responding to spiritual input from us and her sister, Anna. We rejoiced to hear of her reading the Bible and seeking the Lord for her needs. Anna asks for prayer for her mother Maria, as well for both serious health issues and her need for the Lord.

### Family

Thank you for praying for our children's future plans and the transition of our two eldest to college and career. Though Frankie is still in the process of pursuing enlistment in the U.S. Air Force, Arianna has been accepted at a Christian college in the States, where she plans to study secondary education and music. We'll keep you updated on developments with them.

### Thank you

We receive many emails, cards and social media messages throughout the year expressing your prayers and affection for us. We are so grateful for the faithful friends and co-laborers in prayer that we have back home. We appreciate you all, and we are always greatly encouraged by your notes.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto-Italy,

*Frank Jennie Frankie Arianna and Katiana Maietta*