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Dear Praying Friends,

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New believers in Christ

There is no happier subject for any missionary to “write home about” than the salvation of precious souls. This past December we met Giorgia, who had grown up as Roman Catholic right in the city of Rome. In her search for true peace, she began searching other religions, but during last year’s COVID lockdown period, she read a book that re-kindled her interest in Christ. After listening to some of our services on our church web site, Giorgia reached out to us by phone, and her whole family attended our Christmas program.

Jennie and I had the privilege of sitting down with Giorgia and her husband Alessio, and both of them expressed an enthusiastic desire to place their faith in Christ for salvation. Since then, they have been faithful in attending all of our services and even brought their parents to visit. Georgia was overjoyed to lead her own daughter Aisha to receive Christ as well. It is amazing to see them soaking up the preaching, taking notes during the sermon and singing out enthusiastically to the hymns sung in church.

Please pray for the growth of this young family and for wisdom in helping them grow. Giorgia has expressed a deep burden for her lost family members.

2021 Theme “In Christ & For Christ”

Our church is focusing on verse memorization and a spiritual theme for the year based on the book of Ephesians. There is a good spirit in the church services and a good response to re-instituting a Sunday school program for elementary and teen groups.

COVID Update

Ever since we came out of the first lock down last May, our church has been able to hold services un-interrupted, but with limited seating, masks and distancing. However, since Italy went to a three-colored risk zone system this past October, we have gone in and out of the red, orange and yellow zones based on several Covid factors for each region. The red and orange zones restrict us from leaving our city limits. Therefore, some of our regular attending church families are unable to reach our church during those weeks. Although we still are experiencing significant limitations, we are patiently waiting on the Lord and making the best of this challenging situation.

Family

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, Frankie and Arianna are looking forward to graduating from high school, while Katiana is on schedule to complete the tenth grade. We are praying about and working on future plans for our eldest two children and certainly appreciate your prayers for us regarding these big decisions.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto-Italy,

Frank, Jennie, Frankie, Arianna and Katiana Maietta