

2020 September 25th Prayer Update



July Evangelism Dinners and Picnics

With the arrival of summer, we were able to hold a few picnics as well as going for dinner together as a way of evangelism. We have gotten to know Salvatore and his wife Luisa, along with another Salvatore and his wife Silvana who live and work in the building in front of the bookstore. Salvatore and Luisa have a beauty shop on the ground floor and Salvatore and Silvana live upstairs in the building. While we were together we had a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with them. They are very interested in the message and in fact one of our ladies from the church who also lives in the same building is meeting together with both wives to read the Bible.

One of the things that are barbecued on the grill here are called

"arrosticini" (see photo) which are little cubed pieces of lamb on a stick and then grilled over a special size grill just made for them. Once they are cooked you eat them off the stick! They come from the Abruzzo region. They are especially addicting and good!!



Salvatore



Salvatore Luigi and Emanuele



Arrosticini



Silvana

Valentina

Salvatore



Gabriela and Luisa (reading the Bible together)



Church Picnic (Giorgio Graziella and Giancarlo)

Tuscany in August

We closed the bookstore at the end of July for the August break. We were able to get down to Lori's mom's house in the little town where she and Lori's dad were born in Tuscany. The house has been in the family for years and the summers that we are here we try to go and spend some time with the folks that live there as well those who come back for the summer time.

Of course, this year was a bit strange with COVID-19. No one was able to come from the states or other countries so there were very few of us. As it is normally during the year there are only 50-60 people who live there and during the normal summers it grows to around 350-400.

But as we said this year was not the case. We were able to spend some quality time with Lori's cousin Elda and her husband Luciano who live there year-round. We were able to share the *Gospel* with them and leave them a copy of the *Gospel of John*.



Elda and Luciano



Lori's mom's village in Tuscany

September - back to full schedule

Now that summer is over, and fall is here we are back to our full and "normal" (COVID) church schedule. The bookstore reopened on August 31st still with the COVID restrictions of masks and gel as the folks come in.

We PTL that we have been having church services since the beginning of June and our attendance has been good even during the summer and virus time.

We have started our prayer time again on Tuesday evenings using Zoom for now but are praying about and waiting to hear from the government if in the middle of October we would be able to start

meeting again in the church building and doing the bible study and prayer time.

Our youth are going to start meeting in person in the building tomorrow using all the precautions of hygiene. They have developed a whole new program with a major emphasis on evangelism and inviting their lost friends. Please pray for them as they kick off this new school year during COVID.

Lori started her English conversation class again this week and is keeping the number of students to around 8 or 9 this year instead of the usual 10-12. This week she did the class on Zoom, but this next week she is planning on holding it in person in the church, of course using the social distancing and masks!

She has also restarted her Bible studies with Renata who was the lady that we mentioned in our last update who was just recently saved.

We continue with Giorgio's help to work and train our men as collaborators in the ministry. We are having them prepare messages for preaching and devotions. The eventual goal is for them to become the future elders and deacons of the church. Please continue to pray as we move forward in this process.

Thank You!!!

Please know that we constantly pray and thank the Lord for you regularly. God has done and continues to do some amazing things here in Italy!

Let's continue to be faithful when the moment arrives in sharing Christ with those around you and take every opportunity to spread the Good News especially in these days of COVID-19!!

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