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Carissimi fratelli e sorelle,



Every six weeks after church we have an "agape" (potluck). This was taken a couple of weeks ago.

Dearest friends and family,

We hope you enjoyed the holiday season and that this email finds you well. As we look back on the past couple months, we are excited to share with you what He has been doing here in Casalecchio in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. We continue to thank you for and covet your continued prayers for the people of Casalecchio as we know they are vital to our work here.



Our family is growing! Piccolo (little) Prudhomme is expected to arrive late July!

Life lately:

December began with finding out that we will be expecting a BABY at the end of July and followed with learning new traditions, meeting new people, sharing Christmas with new friends, fighting the flu, and most of all, celebrating our Savior. In January, we got Amy into the Italian healthcare system where she has now had several appointments. This is a fun little fact-- her obstetrician's name literally translates to "Dr. Missionary". We have seen the Lord's hand at work so much in this process and praise God for his loving care. **Please pray that as we**

continue to walk through this new season, that the Lord would be opening doors for relationship and for us to share his gospel with new people we come in contact with.

Also in January, our church began a new series where Tommy and Jonathan are preaching through the book of Colossians, as well as leading a time of discussion and prayer on Wednesday night. We have really enjoyed seeing the Lord use His Word in the hearts of believers and nonbelievers as they process through this gospel that brings fruit and gives us true hope. Also one week ago, we started a women's Bible study for our church here and had 11 women show up! We are thrilled at this new opportunity to walk through the gospel and life with these women. Furthermore, we are excited to tell you all that the Lord has faithfully been bringing new people to our church as we have had 3 Italians, who are seeking, regularly come these past couple months in addition to 2 Indian believing students and 2 African believing women. We praise God for each individual he has allowed our paths to cross with and pray that He would continue to be growing his church for the glory of his name!





A picture of our church taking the Lord's Supper, our Christmas Eve dinner, and us making tortellini at the Center where our church meets.

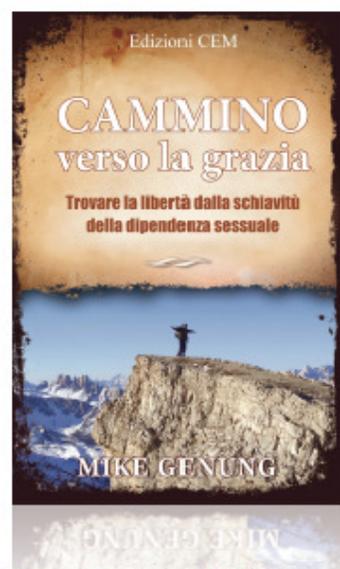
Cafes and conversations:

Thank you for your continued prayers for the various people we have been in contact with here. For those of you who have prayed for Paolo, Laura, and Sara (our landlord and his family who we have been getting to know and Jonathan teaches English to), we have some encouraging news. This past month, we had a lot of plumbing issues, which meant that we had a plumber and Paolo or Laura at the house quite a few times. One time, Laura began to ask Jonathan more questions about the evangelical church. She asked some great questions, like: What makes you different than me based on what you believe? If God is so good, why does he allow suffering? And at the end, Jonathan recommended the book *Reason for God* in Italian by Tim Keller. As of last week, Laura had read half of the book and asked if we could talk about it over dinner the next time they come over. **We praise God for this opportunity and ask for your continued prayers that Paolo, Laura, and Sara would come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.**

Also, shortly after we sent you our most recent update about Vera (an older woman in our apartment building), she called and asked if she could come to church with us. She has come to church and prayer some and has met with

Jonathan to continue to seek to understand the meanings of the Scripture. Lately, she has said again, "I just don't know if I can fully believe that Jesus is enough. This goes against everything I was ever taught." **We continue to engage with her and covet your continued prayers that she would come to the know and understand the love of our Savior, and the true saving grace that we have in Him.**

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This is the flyer Jonathan made for the upcoming event on February 25th.

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for the new contacts and people who have been coming to church and hearing the Word and who are actively engaging in Bible study.
- Praise for the little baby that is on the way and for how the Lord has already intervened in our medical care.
- Praise the Lord for his continued grace in our lives as we continue to seek to make His name great among the nations.

PRAY:

- Continue to pray for Casalecchio, that the Spirit would be moving in the lives of people here and the Lord would be drawing people to Himself
- Pray for Jonathan and Tommy as they prepare and preach through the book of Colossians. Pray for wisdom from above and that the Spirit would be at work in the lives of our congregation to give us a greater understanding of who Jesus is.
- Pray for an event our church is holding on February 25th as one of church members has brought in a speaker to talk about the problem of sexual addiction and the power we have in Christ to put this sin to death and walk in freedom of Him. Pray that people who are struggling or know others who are would come and be encouraged. Pray that this would open doors to share his gospel further.

We have loved hearing from you. Thank you for your love, support, and prayers.

Please let us know how we can be interceding for you.

A Dio la gloria,

Sarah & Amy

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