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Dear Praying Friends,

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Easter program – This year's Easter program was one of the best ever attended and certainly the largest crowd we have had since pre-Covid times. Approximately 70 people attended Easter Sunday morning service. It was a great joy to see several visitors attend with family members. This year's concert was definitely the most complete and varied program we have ever put together. It was a blessing to hear our adult choir, children's bell choir and smaller groups sing forth the message of the Gospel. Please pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of those who heard the Gospel that morning.



Fausto – I mentioned the D'Amelios in our last prayer letter. They are an Italian couple seeking to plant a church in their home-town of Foggia, Italy. We had the joy of having them minister among us in Grosseto as they begin their deputation. Fausto has been in contact with many missionary/pastors throughout Europe and has already been able to schedule some meetings. Thank you for praying that they will be able to raise their support among the other churches in Italy and Europe in a timely manner so they can soon begin the work in Foggia full-time.

Tichems – Several years ago, the Tichem family left our church to assist in the planting of a Romanian language church here in Italy. The Lord greatly used this family to encourage and assist the establishing of that church. We were so encouraged when we heard the Lord was moving them back to our church now that the Romanian church is well established. These dear folks are an important part of our church and the source of spiritual leadership among our members. Please pray for God's blessings on the Tichem family.

Ukrainian guests – Approximately two months ago, Liubov, Stefan, Nicola and Stass came to Italy to escape their war torn country, the Ukraine. It has been our privilege to host this family in our home since they arrived in Italy, while another church family hosts Nadia and Oxana (Liubov's two nieces). Our daily prayer is that the hostilities in the Ukraine would cease and that this family could reunite with their loved ones. They continue to be a daily blessing to us, but we know their hearts are heavy because of the current situation and the lack of an end in sight.

Family update – Katiana is approaching the end of the 11th grade and is demonstrating genuine maturity as she grows. She is a big part of our ministry at church and always a blessing at home. Arianna is finishing up her 1st year of college in North Carolina. We are looking forward to her coming home for the summer toward the end of May. Frankie is approaching the completion of his Combat Medic training in the US Army. He received a certificate of commendation for his outstanding attitude during his EMT training and was chosen to be the guide of his platoon while in school. They each continue to be a source of joy to Jennie and me. Many of you have been praying for Jennie's ongoing head pain. She has been able to manage the pain with mild remedies and neck and shoulder massages. She is never without pain, but it is more or less under control.

Thank you - We greatly appreciate your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto-Italy,
Frank Jennie Frankie Arianna and Katiana Maietta