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Dear Praying Friends,

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name” (Psalm 103:1).

As we close the chapter on this past summer and reflect on the work of the Lord, we are driven to simply bless His holy name for the mighty works He has done among us! The past two years of the ministry in Grosseto have been the most fruitful in recent memory and these past few months have certainly given us even more to rejoice over.

VBS & Camp Meeting – We were privileged once again this year to have an evangelist family with us for Vacation Bible School and the accompanying Camp meeting. The genuine humility and spirituality with which the Engles family served alongside our church people, proved to be an enormous blessing. Several children came to Christ that week and many adults were strengthened by the ministry of this dear family.



Wedding – Donata and Nicola both came to Christ last summer and have faithfully grown in their walk with the Lord. Jennie and I had the honor to be part of their wedding. Seeing them decide to build their home on biblical principle is an immense blessing.

Baptism – Few things can bring more joy to the heart of a pastor than seeing young believers follow the Lord in baptism. After getting her salvation settled, Donata expressed a strong desire to be baptized. Her very strong Roman Catholic background makes this decision even more significant. Sefora was also baptized and then decided to pursue studies in a Bible-college in the States. We are so proud of each of these young Christians, and we look forward to seeing them grow in the Lord. Please pray for Sefora as she studies at The Crown College in Powell, Tennessee.



Funeral – In the midst of all the blessings, we experienced the tragic loss of Elmer, a middle-aged man in our church. It was comforting to hear his testimony of genuine faith in the Lord despite the difficult circumstances of his passing. Please pray for Gloria, Elmer’s wife, and his grown daughters, Stefania and Katerin.



Katiana to College – Sending our “baby” off to college marks the biggest change in our family since we came to the field 17 years ago. Though the adjustment to an “empty nest” is tearful at times, we are so pleased to see each of our children growing in their walk with the Lord and working diligently on their studies and careers. Please pray for Katiana as she gets adjusted to life at Pensacola Christian College in her pursuit of a nursing degree.

Begin Furlough – After Jennie and I dropped off Katiana at college, we began our furlough. Jennie and I have already begun reporting to several churches and we look forward to being in as many of our supporting churches as possible this fall. You can reach us through the contact information on our letterhead if you would like us to schedule a meeting in your church.

Furlough Video – Our furlough video is available to be viewed at the following link. Feel free to share it with others or show it to your congregation if you would like. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0P51baOmVlc&t=15s>
If you would prefer to receive the video in a different format, please feel free to email me.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto, Italy,

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