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Dear Pastors and Brethren,

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The past couple of months have kept us busy with the Church and as we continue to evangelize and get the gospel to as many as we can. Our efforts to start an English conversation hour have been slow but we are thankful for two young girls named **Kleyde and Michelle** from Venezuela who have been attending and also forming a friendship with our daughters as they practice English together. These have turned out to be the nieces of **Salvatore Sgaragliano**, a man who was saved several years back and attended our church for awhile. He is now living in Venezuela. At our last English class, both of these young ladies were open to hearing us talk to them about spiritual things. On their own they went over to the tract table and took a Bible and tracts. **GianVito Foggia** has wanted to attend but has been busy at his job. He did attend a Sunday service a few weeks back. He is interested in end time events, but still does not see the danger he is in if he does not get saved. Pray for the salvation of these young people.

A technician named **Nino from Trapani** came to our home to adjust the water heater and was glad to hear the truth. He has been searching for awhile, and although he did not get saved, he believed he finally found the truth. I left him with a Bible and tracts.

Another elderly man named Nino from Strasatti has been undergoing chemotherapy for cancer in different places in his head and mouth. I have spent some time visiting with him. He tends to just agree with everything I tell him about the Lord Jesus Christ, which is common for the people here.

We had some plumbing problems as the church. The plumber who came to fix things had a long conversation with me and a couple of other brothers about salvation. He has a son who is dying of cancer, a young man, who I went to visit and he was very glad that I came and open to the gospel. I saw him again recently and he asked me when I was going to come again and talk more about the things of the Lord. I will go again next week. **Pray for Michele (father) and Giuseppe (son) Sossio to be saved.**

One Saturday while evangelizing, Priscilla accidentally handed out an English tract to a young teenage girl. After a few minutes she came running back to where Priscilla was and spoke to her in very fluent English. **Narjes is Tunisian** and her Italian **friend Roberta** (who also speaks English) have been getting together with our daughters on occasion. They would like to attend the English conversation hour but are afraid of what their parents will think because it is held at the church. They claim to be atheists. Pray for their salvation.

It is still common here for groups of people sitting in waiting rooms or public places to get into a group discussion. Janet has had a couple of good situations like this happen in doctors offices in the past month where she was able to get a discussion going about the gospel. In one situation, she had just entered, sat down and opened her Bible. An elderly lady was talking to a younger lady on the other side of the room about suffering. She then made the comment that "and after we die... who knows" Janet joined into the conversation, showing them her Bible and explaining that this book tells us what happens after we die. After a while of discussion, the elderly lady ended up in tears. She understood the simplicity of the gospel, and although she found it hard to believe that works cannot save, she wanted to be able to have such simple faith. She was bitter however and resistant to accepting Christ, because of some difficult things she had gone through. In another doctor's office, one of the ladies in the discussion had been at a tent meeting a few years ago and had talked with us for a long time about salvation. Pray for these different ladies who have heard the gospel. We are thankful that the door is still so open wide here and the people are open as well.

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It has been a blessing to see some of our brethren really taking off and growing spiritually. Some are getting victories in areas where they have struggled for years. Others are getting more of a burden for the lost and getting more interested in evangelizing. Pray for **Nino Sciacchitano** that he will find work here in Mazara and will not have to leave for Sardegna. He has become a real asset in the work.

Nino Pipitone brought two fishermen to one our men's prayer meeting. Pray for Andrea and another man named **Giuseppe Perez**. Giuseppe had been coming to services and this last Wednesday brought a pan of hot zabbina for everyone to eat. Zabbina is the curds and whey of ricotta cheese. Tonight we had our men's prayer meeting and he came again. During prayer he prayed that he could know the Lord in a personal way. After we finished I sat down with him and went through a gospel tract What Does God Say About You. He understood what he needed to do in order to be saved and there next to the pulpit he called upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save him. It was a blessing to see Nino Pipitone right there on his knees with his Bible open. Be in prayer for his spiritual growth and church attendance.

Nino has also had open doors with **Maurizio** who needs to be saved. Pray for **Fabio Clementi** who has begun to attend church, that he will continue to be faithful and grow. Our church neighbor stopped me recently and asked questions about the church and said he plans to visit in the near future. Pray for all the surrounding neighbors that they will be saved and attend church. Pray for **Ezio Parisi** who was saved years ago, has been in and out of the picture, but has recently been coming around again. Pray he will stabilize and be faithful. Pray for **Nicola** who attended several nights at the tent meeting last summer. He lives right up the street from the church and popped in Wednesday at the end. He is not saved. We also had a **Catholic priest** and the head cardiologist and his wife stop in one night after services to just "check out who we were". We had a friendly chat and then **Sciacchitano** told him that our children sang and asked if they wanted to hear a song. They arranged themselves at their instruments and began to play "Are you Washed in the Blood". It was a good question for them to think about.

We have a new family attending church. **Mimmo and Anna Rallo** have moved here from northern Italy. She is saved for many years and he was saved just a year ago. Pray that they will get rooted and united with us according to God's will. **Pino and Maria Scavone** who run the health food store in our town continue to come. This is the 7th Day Adventist couple. He has asked more doctrinal questions, the last one regarding keeping the Sabbath. I went over some Scripture with him on it. I don't know if they will stick with us or not, being Adventists for years. They have not been trouble makers in any way and may just need more time. Pray for them and for wisdom in dealing with them. **Brigida** and her son **Salvo** have been out of church for some time now. She asked us to pray because her husband does not want her to come. Remember them and also Andrea her husband for salvation.

The script for Light of the World DVD is now completed. We are now looking for a good narrator who could do this in Italian and have it recorded for Chick Publications. If anyone can help us with this, please contact me. We would appreciate it. We were able to only get to Palermo once these past couple of months due to heavy rain. We had a good meeting and there are always lots of people to talk with. Pray that the Word of God will bear fruit.

The family is well. We were able to make a three day visit to Rome to visit the **Jaime Homan family**. It is a blessing to be able to fellowship on occasion with other like minded brethren and our children enjoy having fellowship with other missionary children. Bro. Jaime and I were able to visit a Waldensian library in Rome and handle and view some very old Bibles, including a 1607 Diodati and a 1532 Brucioli Bible, the first reformation Bible in Italy. We thank God for this faithful family and the good work that they are doing in Rome. We sent out new prayer cards and you should have all received these by now. We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for you all and your faithful labors with us.

Again we thank you for your faithfulness for the Lord's work here in Sicily for the furtherance of the gospel in the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Ghost!

Bro. Bro. Sal Galioto and Family

THEY OF SICILY SALUTE YOU!