

Dear Friends,

16 April 2024

We are grateful for the privilege of serving our Lord in the needy land of Italy (since June 1987!!!). Since Italy has so very few "workers" and churches, we ask that you continue to pray for more to come.

Fernando, Sara and the kids, who were here ministering with us for some months, returned to Mexico so that Sara could apply for a religious workers visa. She did, and they gave it to her the day after she applied! Amen! We praise God for answered prayer concerning her. We are looking forward to their return later this month. They will be working alongside of us for about a year as they seek the Lord as to where He wants them to serve, whether it be here or elsewhere. Please pray along with them as they seek God's will. While here, they were a big, big blessing, so we are looking forward to having them again ministering to all of us.



Linda and I will be going on furlough soon, and Fernando and Sara will be ministering in our absence. We can relax while traveling, praising God because they will be here! Amen!

In these past few months, 2 ladies have started attending, both of which are saved. One is a foreign college student from Israel that has recently come to Terni to study, and the other is an Italian lady that has lived here in town with her family for about 10 years. Also, a saved man from South America that has recently moved to Italy has begun attending. God is always good!

We are also excited about Desirée, a lady born and raised in Terni. She is saved and a member of a church 2 or 3 hours from here. Kieth always insists that anyone desiring to be a member of the church, whether they've been saved a long time or a short time, have some specific Bible studies. She has finished, so we will soon be voting on accepting her as a member. God is always so good!

By the way, do you know that we are the only Italian speaking church in this town of 100,000 that can preach the Gospel? So, if you want to attend a church that preaches God's Word, it's here or here. So you can image how important your faithfulness is! It's vital for the life of this town! You are such a blessing, not just to us, but to whomever is saved and/or searching for a church!

Another lady that came frequently, but is now coming a bit less, is Griselda. Please pray for her salvation. Both Sara and Linda have had opportunities to witness to her. Also, Linda was once again able to witness to a longtime friend, Marcella.

Linda and Miriam continue having their monthly kids club. While Fernando and Sara were here, Fernando would help, but until he returns, Giovanni, Miriam's husband, is helping. Amen. Please pray for them as they do this ministry, and for the kid's salvation. Linda and Miriam, along with 2 other ladies, take turns teaching a ladies Bible study and Children's Church. Miriam also plays the guitar in church during the congregational singing. They are busy ladies, and their ministry is greatly appreciated. Please pray for them.

We also thank the Lord because through our daily activities, we have been able to make opportunities to witness to different people, for which we are grateful. Kieth has been reading the Old Testament these days, and over and over again he's taken notice that various kings of Judah were faithful, until they got older. How sad! Please pray that we'll continue to be faithful, even now in our older years.

The first part of June, a group of college kids will be coming here for 2 days to minister through singing downtown and having a concert, where a Gospel message will be given. Please pray for this endeavor.

As stated above, on July 1st we will be leaving for a 5-month furlough, the longest we've ever taken. We will be visiting all of our supporters during 1 furlough, which is also a first. Needless to say, we will be traveling a lot. Please pray that all the arrangements we are planning (car, . . .) work out, that all will go well with our traveling and also that we will be a blessing to our supporters (churches and families), which have been very, very faithful to the ministry here all these decades.

We are thankful for all of you! The church here, the Chiesa Evangelica Battista di Terni, wouldn't be here if it weren't for you. Thank you.

For Him,

Kieth & Linda Bloyd

