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It's been a long time since you have heard from us, but as you can see (from the picture) we are in good health and our hearts are filled with God's joy!

Dearest brethren,

Here we are again to share our joys and burdens.

There is a lot to say. Let's begin with the work in the open market in Aci Sant'Antonio (the place where we are living, near Acireale). We started to display our literature in January, after our return from Rome, and received great encouragements from the Lord. Many people took some pamphlets and we had the opportunity to speak with some traffic officers, who were interested in the Gospel. Our presence caused some annoyance, particularly to some Jehovah Witnesses, who were also very busy with literature distribution. We noticed that, in the first week, one person represented them, but a couple of weeks later their number increased to 4. We didn't know to what extent our presence bothered them...but at the end of February, we were asked to leave our station in the market by the head of the Traffic officers, who literally expelled us saying: "You must go away from this town!" Later we went to his office to get some explanations on his reasons for expelling us, but, the calmer and respectful our attitude was, the more agitated he got. The Lord helped us to maintain a respectful attitude towards the authorities. Despite what had happened we did not give up, because we were sure that the problem was spiritual and not legal.



Through, **Santo**, an unbeliever who is attending our church, we were introduced to an inspector of the traffic officers, who knew about a man in the market who occupied less space than the one that was allocated to him, he introduced us to this man and soon we shared his space at the market, so here we are again! We had asked the Lord to let us stay in the proximity of the market, and He put us right in the middle with the sellers (peddlers), a new "field" where we can preach the Gospel. It's wonderful.

But that's not all. A woman came to visit us. We met her last August, in San Cosimo (do you remember?) during our missionary children camp. In the pictures below, on the right you can see **Ida and Federico** (her husband) at the camp and on the left at the lunch we had together



for Easter Monday. They are attending the church with great enthusiasm; a couple of our Church has started a Bible study with them. They have two daughters, **Grace and Valeria**. This family has some difficulties, but we are really happy that they are now exposed to God's Word.



Please continue to pray for **Enzo**, the man we talk to at the market place in Acireale.

We are very encouraged to see people coming to our special events nights:

- The “Movie Night” every last Saturday of the month
- in February, we had a dinner for Valentine’s Day.

On each of these occasions the Gospel was clearly preached.

Teti is attending the Bible’s studies and her comments are an indication of a slow, but encouraging growth.

Eddie and Vasilika has gone back to Greece returning to their church. Eddie found a job and an apartment near the church. We believe God sent them to Sicily so that Eddie could be saved.

We have already mentioned in our previous correspondence about Santo. He is married to Francesca (a believer). They are both now attending the Church together with Rosetta, Francesca’s mother who is also a believer. Our commitments are increasing and we thank God for that. The women’s Bible study held by Simona, is well attended and is a means of encouragement for those who participate. Please pray also for Carmelo, a believer with whom Marco is holding regular Bible studies.

Please pray for the people we have mentioned, by doing so you will help us sustain the spiritual battle that would be impossible if we were alone!

The Academy continues to grow. We have more than 85 students; a new class of Expository Preaching with 8 new students has started and the third week of the 2007’s course just ended. At the end of the month we expect to have 17 students for the Systematic Theology class. In June we will begin a new course on Church’s History, which will be a two-year program.

In May, Marco will be responsible for the administration of Aurora Mission in Italy, please pray for this responsibility and his commitment in the Church.

Praise the Lord because on the 25th of April, Chiara, our daughter, got married. We are very happy for both Chiara and her husband Marco Quinzi. Marco is still having some issues with his work, but we encouraged them, after five years of engagement (too long!), to make a decision about arranging their wedding date despite the adverse circumstances. The elders of their church agreed with us and we are very happy for them! May God use them! Marta and Cesare, our other children, will start a new chapter in their lives, as they will now live alone. We trust it will be an opportunity of growth in their lives. Keep praying for their studies. Chiara has almost finished, but they have got a long way to go. We greet you earnestly.

Yours in Christ,

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