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*"I will magnify myself, sanctify myself, and make myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord." Ezekiel 38:23*

Dear Brothers and Friends,

Here we are again giving you fresh news from Acireale.

We had never noticed how much the book of Ezekiel has an evangelistic message! To think that more than seventy times it expresses the will and desire that God has for man to believe in Him. Speaking of His people, but also of all the nations!

While we respond to the responsibility that God has given to us as witnesses, we realize how blessed we are in having many opportunities to say clearly to people "know the Lord"!

## Book Table

Finally we have begun our work at the market in Acireale!

One of our co-workers has the main responsibility for the book table, but Marco, when possible, does it with him. Every Saturday we are greatly encouraged in seeing how many people accept tracks and how many of them stay a long time to talk and listen to the Gospel.



Many young people stop just as they leave school or during breaks. Others are men or women that wait for their ride, as a friend at the market dropped them off. Last Saturday it was very touching to talk with an older Christian woman from a church that meets in a nearby city. She is using the tear off pages of a Christian calendar that have a Gospel message. She carries them in her purse and gives them to anyone who is willing to listen.

We are sowing the Word, waiting on God to bring the people of Acireale to know Him. In the meanwhile we are grateful for His patience toward everyone!

## Academy

We have had two classes in March and April with around 25 students. Praise God for the new students in the Theology Course.

Again this year, the period of, May-July, will be the longest period without any courses. In June 2008, if God wills, we will begin another very interesting course on the "History of the Church." Now we are working on organizing Focus 2007. This year we are expecting many attendees because of the conference's topic on the centrality of the Word of God. We are already receiving many registrations. In Italy it is very unusual for people to make plans many months in advance!

Our class is almost full for the course on Biblical Counseling that will be held at the end of August. Soon we are going to have two more housing units with two rooms each to house our students.

## Church

The Lord is encouraging us to pray for many different needs. We thank God for the training we have received in the past, as it is a great help in dealing with situations in our small group. We know that even Believers can cause problems through bad decisions in their lives. Pray that God will give us wisdom. Marco is finishing a series on the book of Titus and has the desire to begin a series of studies on the 23rd Psalm.

## Family

We have had two very full months because of a very unexpected surgery that Simona's mom has had to undergo. They implanted a prosthesis in her right hip. The surgery went very well and she is now here with us. Simona, in the past two months, has traveled many times to Rome, staying for one or two weeks at a time, to help take care of her mother and get her things ready for her temporary move to Sicily. Pray for this time with her mom, as we have realized that after some time away from us her spiritual life needs to be encouraged and strengthened.

Our children were blessed by this situation since they had a chance to spend much time with “the adored mommy” while she was spending time in Rome.

Chiara (our oldest daughter) has finished the translation of a book that Aurora will give away at Focus 2007 in October. Please pray that her fiancé, Marco, would find a stable job so they can fulfill their dream and get married.

Marta, our second, continues her work and studies at the University.

Cesare, our son, continues to look for a balance between work and study. All three children are preparing for the summer session of exams at the University. Please pray for them.

We thank God for our brothers and sisters of the church in Rome who take care of our children!

We count on your prayers, fellow workers of ours and of Christ Jesus, in this wonderful service that He has given. To us and to you!

Yours truly,

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