

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was taught that God is love, so at the end we will all go to heaven. It could not be otherwise, because God is so good to save all the ones that have faith, even if their god is named Allah!

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This was the final conclusion of my neighbor Angela, when we spoke a few weeks ago. We had talked about the Lord many times, but this time Peppe had been a little stronger in making the point again that there is salvation in no one else but Jesus Christ, and that one must accept Him by faith as his Savior to be able to go to heaven. Otherwise? Hell.

Everyone wants to believe that this misleading way of thinking is ok and they would like to be reassured by us. They want to believe they are right, but in reality they live in the agony of insecurity. Trying to run after a philosophy that seems so easy to grasp to their natural mind they become dangerously far from the truth and they don't understand the life around them. So they ask - they want to know more - they want to read the Bible, but they remain always in their doubts.

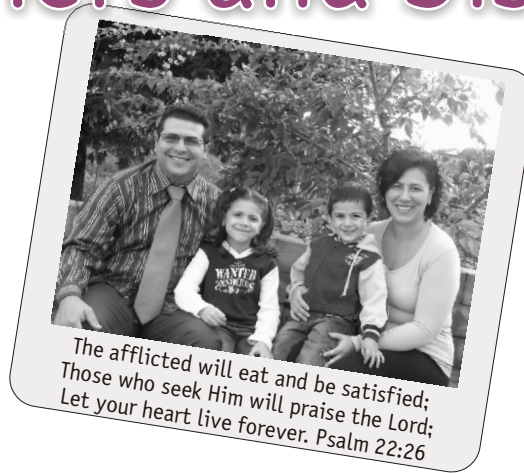
These are very difficult times, but we want, now more than ever, to proclaim the one and only God without becoming disheartened and we continue praying for our family and our friends that do not believe.

Lately at the gas station where we usually go, the young man working there has always taken the opportunity with Peppe to ask some questions about faith. Last month he asked if he could do some studies with him because he wants to know the Bible. And so we started, and it has been a great encouragement to see his enthusiasm and the fervor of his participation in studying.

With Roberto we had to take a break, because he is completing the university's final exams. We will start again our Bible studies with him as soon as this period is over.

Even our kids, in their candor, witness to their teachers and their little schoolmates, providing us also with new opportunities to share.

Recently the mother of Marco's schoolmate called Viviana, thanking her for our thoughtfulness toward his little son. Viviana could not understand what she was talking about! The evening before we had spoken in our family devotions of the importance of knowing the Word of God, so Marco had slipped in his backpack a coloring Bible and had given it to his



dearest friend telling him to read it, so he could come to know Jesus and so he would not go to hell.

Sarah, while everyone at school was praying to 'padre pio' for the healing of the teacher's husband, refused to kneel and most of all to pray to a man's picture, because it could not see, nor hear nor speak! Only Jesus can listen to our prayers and He is the one that died to save us. The teachers were astonished at such a decisive behavior for a small 6-year-old child.

At the Academy the work continues to go well. The various training classes are well-attended, and we too as a family benefit from the depth of the teachings and the fellowship. August will be a very intense month. We will have three classes, each very interesting. The first one will be "Bible Survey of the OT," the second will be "Expository Teaching Seminar," and the third class, which Viviana will be able to attend also will be "Biblical Counseling." It will be a challenge to work and study, especially during the intense summer heat.

It has been three years now that we are here in Pennisi, and we are grateful to the Lord because He allows us to serve Him here at the Academy and at the Acireale church. We are happy for our good fellowship and friendships with the other missionaries and with all believers we know.

We thank the Lord for His spiritual and material support. We are very grateful to all who support us with their gifts, giving us the chance to continue our daily activities with much more serenity. We entrust you to our Lord, who surely will reward you with blessings and His tender cares.

We need to ask if there is anyone who has the means to help us with the financial cost for repairing our car. It is at the mechanic's again and it will take about \$1,500 to repair.

Please keep praying for us, for our children and for the work we do here at Acireale.

We send you our love and we hope to hear from you.

With much affection,

*Giuseppe & Viviana,
Sarah & Marco*

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