



“... Even as you gave Him authority over all flesh...”

John 17.2



It is **Jesus**, the **Creator**, our **Lord**, and our Savior, who has **authority** over all flesh. He will never be caught by surprise and nothing will escape **Him**. Every believer, every mission and every missionary is in good hands, **His hands**. We can rest in **Him**.

Dear all,

with a kiss in the Lord to all the saints, we wanted to start our new letter with a reflection, because of our recession, price increases, trials and everything else that happens in these “last days,” sometimes we might want to be discouraged, but with Jesus the victory is always ours.

We ask your help in interceding for our community and for our fellowships in Sciacca (AG) and Pietraperzia (EN), which we visit monthly. Some in Pietraperzia are expressing a desire to be baptized. Pray for our evangelistic meetings at the markets in Ribera and Sciacca, with our literature table, where we are trying to reach out with the Gospel people from various communities, such as Chinese, Senegalese, Rumanian, and North Africans. Pray for our home visits with our various contacts, some of which are on the internet, and for the kid’s club hour cared for by our daughter *Shanizee*.

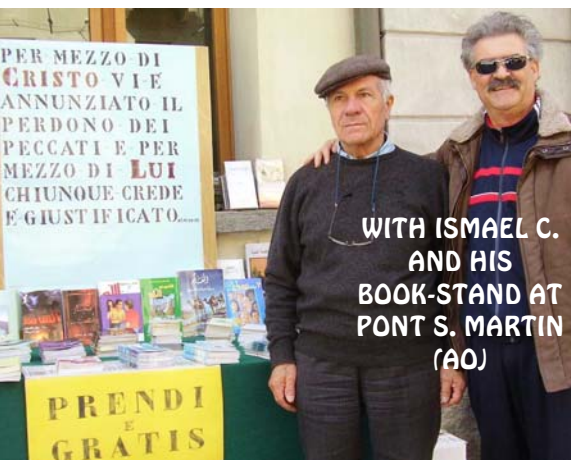
We thank the Lord for the honor He gives us in serving Him and His people. Pray for our ministry, where at times it becomes difficult and discouraging seeing very few conversions, and sometimes even seeing the believers become influenced by the charismatic and ecumenical world.

Between February and April we visited about 20 Christian assemblies, from Sicily in the south, to the north in Valle D’Aosta. We provided encouragement and were encouraged ourselves to love one another and to evangelize.



Last but not least, in April at the Italian Theological Academy in Pennisi (CT) we had the opportunity to attend the class “Bible Geography & Customs” under the teaching of

Don Green, receiving great blessings both thru the teaching and the fellowship.



On May 20, in the Sala Convegni del Palazzo del Municipio di Ribera, the students of the I.B.E.I. Italian Bible Institute conducted an outreach concert titled “One Way for Grace.” The theme was to emphasize God’s grace in a world full of tragedies, and to bring hope, courage and blessings.



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In regards to the I.B.E.I Italian Bible Institute in Rome, our niece, *Anna Canzeri* (also a member of our fellowship), has completed her school year.



So there was a celebration, not only for the 50th year of the I.B.E.I. but also for Anna! Now she is at the London School of Theology in Northwood (UK), to learn english, to use it in future service for the Lord. Her sister *Giacoma* will be attending her third year at the I.B.E.I. Our daughter *Shanizee* had the blessing to be able to spend some time with her cousins during these wonderful celebrations.

To serve the Lord in the various areas where He has placed us is always a joyous occasion. We realize however that sometimes due to economic reasons we cannot do more printing of evangelistic material, internet, or afford a laptop, a projector, etc.

Lord willing, this year we should be able to print a new evangelistic booklet from *Eros Bacoccina*, which narrates his past 50 years of pastoral care, and we hope that it will be of help to all the ones – believers and not – who will recognize themselves in its stories.

We will also print two new tracks; one is the moving story of a converted mafia man, while the other is the testimony of *Nicola Legrottaglie*, a famous soccer player, who played with Juventus and the Italian National Soccer team.

Among other special activities we are involved in writing to a few people in jail, among which there is a boss of the Neapolitan camorra. Via Internet, we are reaching out to the Roman Catholic world - to bishops, convents, service organizations, missions, newspaper managers, etc. Among some negative and some positive answers, one thing is sure, the truth of the Gospel has arrived on their monitors. May the Lord have a full harvest. Unfortunately some of these special activities are deemed needless by some believers, because they believe it is a field marked for destruction.

We believe, though, that if God is able to raise from stones children to Abraham (Luke 3:8), in the same way, trusting in Him, we believe that from this hardened soil He can raise children of God. He is able to melt a heart of stone and replace it with a hearth of flesh, just as He has done for us, a heart that is filled by His grace. (Ezekiel 11:19)

Recently, due to some minor physical problems, we had to have a few visits to the doctors, but praise the Lord that, beside a few regular checkups, there was nothing to be concerned about.

The move to our new house is still keeping us busy. Pray that we will be able to complete it soon, so we will be able to efficiently serve Him.

We send you our warm greetings, hoping all of you are well and remembering you in our prayers.

In Him, *Nicola & Lina + Shanizee & Raf*

For those that the Lord has placed on your heart to help us in our ministry, you can do so through "AURORA MISSION." Thank you!

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