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*"The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him." Psalm 28:7*

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

We greet you in the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, praying that this letter finds you well, full of blessings from God our Father.

In regard to us, we can say that we are grateful to our Lord for His many blessings He has poured out on us during the trials we have been going through.

Matteo, over the past three months, has been experiencing a strong pain in his left shoulder. So, he has been very limited in his movements and in what he can do. During the various doctor's visits and an MRI to determine the cause, they discovered that the pain is due to a very strong inflammation in his tendons. Lord willing, we should be able to see a specialist on July 30, to see if anything can be done to resolve the issue. We trust the Lord for a good recovery. On the other hand, Raffaella in mid-May twisted her ankle and has had a hairline fracture in her right foot. This has caused her to have a cast for a while and not to be able to walk freely for about 40 days. Upon the healing of her fracture, she will start rehabilitation; therefore for now she is still limited in her mobility.

Because of these various issues, our ministry has slowed down. We have not been able to fully implement our initial plan, the one we mentioned in our past letter, to invite one-by-one all our neighbors to lunch or dinner; we have not even been able to start our door-to-door distribution of evangelistic literature and Gospel booklets. But the Lord knows and has opened up ministry opportunities sending "the work" home to us. Often the neighborhood girls come in the afternoon for a Bible story. Several neighbors came to visit and to see how we were doing. One family invited us to lunch the Sunday after Raffaella had the foot accident. Still in these various ways the Lord allows us to share His Word with many.

We sincerely thank you from our hearts for your faithful and loving prayers. Thru them we see how our Lord helps us and sustains us. We ask you to continue to pray for us, that God will continue to act on our behalf, helping us to heal so we may be able to start work again fully recovered.

We thank you also for the prayers on behalf of Raffaella's mother. After about two months in the hospital and through many hardships, she was discharged from the hospital about a month ago. Now she is on dialysis three times a week and still suffering from high blood pressure.

You are all very dear to us; you are in our hearts and our prayers daily. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and protect you always. May He reward you richly for the love that you faithfully demonstrate to us and for your precious prayers.

Sending you brotherly and loving thoughts, in the love of our beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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