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*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits;"*

*Psalm 103:1-2*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

We thank our God because He permitted us to spend three full restful months in Florida, after our past six years working "non stop" without a break. We were truly exhausted, not only because of the workload, but also because of the various trials of life, such as deaths in the family and problems in the church in Colli del Tronto.

We thank Aurora Mission for allowing us to stay at "Il Villaggio" and for the love they demonstrated in many ways. We arrived back in Italy on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We made a stop to visit Raffaella's family in the "Marche" Region for a week, after one of her brothers kindly picked us up at Rome Airport. On April 16<sup>th</sup> we left toward home, in Melfi, thanking the Lord for Raffaella's sister and her husband, who drove us back. They stayed with us at our home until Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. And with that, we finally completed our trip back home.

We were wonderfully surprised by the warm welcome of our neighbors who, as soon as they saw us home, came to visit. The girls too came to hug us and were eager to start back with their Bible stories and the coloring booklets. It was too much to start on our first day back! Then even on Monday, more neighbors came over to visit and some even later in the week. They all told us how much they missed us.

We thank the Lord for this great encouragement. We could have never thought they would esteem and love us so much. We hope that from now on maybe they will be more willing to listen to the Gospel. We are planning to organize luncheons and dinners, inviting each family one by one, hoping that their heart will open up to the love of God and that they would have the desire to start a Bible study.

As soon as possible we will start also with the distribution of evangelistic material, door to door. We believe this is important, because the people are able to get to know us better and then they may become more willing to trust us and listen to the Gospel.

We continue to ask therefore for your prayers, so that the Lord will continue giving us wisdom, strength, and courage, and everything that is necessary to continue carrying this ministry to completion. We thank all of you who sustain us in the work of the Lord in Italy by prayers and giving. You are in our prayers every day. May the Lord guide and protect you and your families.

Serving with you the Lord Jesus Christ,

*Matteo & A. Raffaella Taronna*

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