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"For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name." Psalm, 33 : 21

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Dear loved brothers in Christ,

With much love and gratitude, we send our greetings to you, trusting that this letter finds you well.

Thank you very much for your love and faithful prayers for us. We have received much encouragement from our Lord Jesus Christ during the winter. It was a very hard time for us, due to Raffaella's health. She had a lot of back problems and could not do almost any housework, nor could walk easily. It took more than five months to improve. In April she had a bone density scan which showed osteoporosis. We trust the Lord because He knows every thing and is able to keep our health, to enable us to continue serving Him.

In May we started distributing tracts and the Gospel of John, house by house. We have been visiting some people who are interested in listening to the Gospel. We have started a Bible study with a woman named Rosa, who is sixty years old; she seems interested to learn more about the Gospel.

We also have a new contact with Donato and Lina. They are a couple with three children. On 14th May, we invited them for pizza to our house. They came, and the Lord blessed us with a very good time of fellowship. At the end, every one read one verse of the Bible. The children asked if we could say something in Spanish, then we sang songs in Italian, Spanish and English. They were very impressed. We try to cultivate the contacts with our neighbors too.

On 18th May we visited a young couple, Alessandro and Patrizia. They have two little children, and live in a town near Melfi. We have visited them from time to time in the past and have now invited them to attend a Bible study, to which they showed some interest.

You know that our work covers multiple aspects, and for each of them we need guidance, strength and wisdom to accomplish every day what the Lord has prepared for us. We want to continue serving Him until He allows us. Please continue to pray for us and for God's work in this region.

You are in our hearts and daily prayers. It is through the support of your prayers that we are helped in our service for the Lord. May our heavenly Father recompense you day by day with many blessings according to the needs you and your family may have.

Serving Christ with you,

Matteo & A. Raffaella Taronna