

Carissimi fratelli e sorelle,

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

It has been more than a year now that we have lived in Pennisi (Acireale) and through all this time we have been so joyful and are convinced that this is the ministry God wants us to be a part of.

Here at the Italian Theological Academy there are many activities going on. We already have four housing units and in a few weeks we will be getting two more. With these new units we will be able to house more people and make it a more comfortable stay for the students. We had classes all the way through May and the next will be at the end of July. At the end of August the course on Biblical Counseling will begin.

The church in Acireale is growing. Our growth is largely because of Christians who have moved to the area, but almost every Sunday we have visitors. At the end of the meeting they stay and chat with us. No matter who comes in, we know that the Word of God is being proclaimed and many are hearing the Gospel. Peppe shares the responsibility with other men in preaching and there is great teamwork between all of the men.

Our family is doing great. Our children are growing wonderfully (not only in height)! Sarah is fitting in very well in kindergarten and Marco cannot wait to start in September.

Kindergarten has been a great opportunity for us to meet and get to know most of the people in Pennisi (this tells you how big Pennisi is)!

The teacher, who is very Catholic, has changed the way she teaches a little bit because she knows that she has a little Evangelical girl in her class. The teacher has much respect for us and she is



very curious about the work that we do. This has given us a way to be able to speak to her on a few occasions. Our relationship with the other mothers is going well; in particular with two moms Antonella and Anna. Viviana has had opportunities to meet with them both in their homes and ours.

Even with our neighbors we have built great friendships. As a church we have organized some social events that we use to present the Gospel to many families. Among our neighbors, there is one family in particular that we are friends with; they seem very interested. We have given them a Bible and we meet with them to talk about it. They are confused because they believe that all religions lead to heaven. Now they are asking many questions.

We would like to leave you with a few prayer requests...

For our family: The work that we do at The Center and in church, for our children and for our parenting.

For our financial situation: We thank the Lord for all that we have, but we still have difficulty staying - above water - every month. We are still paying for the car, with much difficulty (we are almost finished with 1,600.00 Euro remaining).

For our testimony at the kindergarten and to our neighbors.

We send you a big hug,

"Oh, how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!"
Psalm 31:19

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