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Psalm 90:12

**Teach us to number
our days, that we may gain
a heart of wisdom.**

**Dear prayer and
supporter brethren:**



What a joy is for us to share with about the faithfulness of God in the last few months, God has been so good to us.

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We have seen people get saved, others disciplined, encouraged and trained in the Word of God and we are glad to say that the work of God keeps on going fourth

At soon as we came back from USA we had the Women's retreat from May 31 to the 3rd of June. The theme was:

“Helped to Help, the conflicts in women's lives.” We had 55 ladies participating. The ladies were helped through the Word of God and we saw many good spiritual results. To God be the glory!



With the patchwork ministry we have the great privilege to preach the Gospel to many ladies that come to take the courses learning how to sew patchwork.

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Everything that is made is sold to help ministries around the World. We were able to raise enough money last year to rebuild a complete church building in Syria. We are really happy for that. this is the rebuilt building



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June 7th – 10th we had a short retreat with 14 young adults. We spent these days dedicated to having a concentrated time in the Word of God as well as counselling.

This age group faces so many conflicts in their personal lives June 19th we had special meetings with the couples of Treviso.

It was great to see the couples participate with much enthusiasm.

**The subject of this special program was:
“The broken windows in the family life.”**



June 23 we had the evangelization for kids in Pizzolletta Verona, we had 37 kids and 37 adults. It was a great time preparing this event. We had no salvation decisions but it was great to see the church united for this goal.



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Group Bible studies: Every week we have a home Bible study, we have 12 groups in 12 different locations. It is great to see people that have the desire to study the doctrine and to go deep in the Word of God.



July 2- 8 we had the Kid's camp. We had 61 campers as well as 14 people on the staff. There were 9 kids who made a salvation decision.



What a week! Great activities....we studied many of the problems that the kids face in their daily lives at home, school and in church.

We also had stories of many missionaries.

While I was leading a game, one of the kids came to me and told me: “Pastor, since I came to this camp I have a great desire to become missionary for the Lord.”

Many of the kids and staff had a very intensive and profitable spiritual week with the Lord.

We thank God for all He has done in that week.



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July 14 we had a baptismal service. It was a blessing as we had 10 people get baptized 2 from Padova, 5 from Treviso and 3 from Pizzoletta Verona.

It was a Joy as Norma led one of the girls to the Lord 2 years ago at camp. Four other of the group were young people that got saved under my ministry two and three years ago in the summer camp.



July 27th we had a special meeting for young people at Belluno and 14 heard the Gospel for the first time. This was a great opportunity for the first time we met. We had a group of almost forty people in that place. Our young people were important participants in this meeting.



We helped guide them to do everything by themselves, because our challenge was for them to be light and salt in the World and to reach their own generation.

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July 29th we had a special Conference for couples. We had a Hawaiian theme for the conference. It was a great impact for this summer program. We saw how many answers God provided to many couples who were facing many problems in their married lives.



August 12-18 we had our Teen's summer camp. We had 60 campers. We had 1 alvation and 42 teens who dedicated their lives to the Lord. We thank the Lord for the great things He has done during this week of camp!



Before this week of camp we faced many trials, but one step at the time God helped us to supersede every obstacle. What a Joy it was to see day by day how the Lord worked in the lives of these teens. We see great hope for the many things God has for this next generation.

Everything that I shared so far were our special activities, but let me share also some of the many prayers that God answered for us:



Treviso Church:

We asked you to pray for a place to rent for us, it was very difficult to find a place and when we found it the Meyer of that town didn't want us to have the permission to rent that property, but the children of God have prayed and God answered and changed the Meyer's heart and we were able to rent this building that is double size of the church that we used before for less money.



The church has a main building for 250 people and ten other rooms for the many activities that we have.

We have an average of 130 -people there, so we have the responsibility to work harder to fill this place. Isn't our God Wonderful?

Conegliano Church: we have a group of 30 people attending. God has provided after one year looking a place for us to rent. So for more than one year God has provided a building for us to rent that will hold 100 people.



We also have other rooms for the many Activities that we have. These activities gives us the opportunity to reach more people.



Belluno Church: God provided a good place for us to rent. We have a group of 30 people as of this date and we are so thankful to God for that.

We ask you to pray for Pizzoletta Verona we need a place to rent as we still getting together in the basketball court of the Catholic Church.

We also ask you to pray for Padova, we rent a place downtown.

It is always difficult to find a place to park, sometimes it takes more than half an hour to find one parking space.

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We thank the Lord because even this difficulties, both churches are really growing in the Lord.

Thank you so much for praying for my health in June. I had surgery to remove all the infection that I had in my head. It took a lot of time to overcome the infection Praise God now is all over.

We want to end by thanking and praising God for what the Lord has done for our son Gabriel. After being at Cedarville University He graduated with very good results, he also received the Gmax award for his academic result as an athlete. The Lord provided for him a Job in USA for one year, He is involved in a very good church and we praise God and thank you for all your help in prayers.



What else we can say. Thank you for being part of the great miracles that God is doing in Italy.

Without your help it would not be possible to do what we do. Thank you for your prayers, for your financial support, for your encouragement and for being a part of this team.

We want to see Italy saved and transformed by the Grace of God

By His Grace and For His Glory

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