

## Greetings from snowy Calabria, Italy!

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We pray and hope that you rest in the promise of your bride's, Jesus' coming. We are blessed to be part of His work and thank you for your support.

### *Ministering to our neighbors...*

This last two weeks has snowed a lot, about 150 cm (some 60 inches). Most people stay home due to the unusually cold weather. It is a good opportunity to go visit them and spend time with them and share Jesus. There is always an open door to meet their needs as well. Here are some examples.



We hosted a couple last week for one night, because they got stuck in the snow, and couldn't get down to the city. Then, on another occasion, we pulled the same couple's truck out of the snow. This couple also has a little farm close by. Carlo went to feed their animals several times, when they couldn't come up on the snowy street.

A pastor, who lives higher up on the mountain and has about 200 animals, is a divorced man. A Romanian young guy helps him to take care of his farm. He often calls us to go visit him, just because he misses company. We went over last week, cooked and ate lunch together, and washed the dishes. He blessed us with eggs, salami and cheese.

An elderly couple, who we got to meet last summer, happened to need help too. Carlo just showed up one day at their door, and they were amazed, asking "Who sent you?". They were out of firewood, and they were happy to see help coming. Carlo chopped some wood for them. Then he checked their fireplace and saw that the chimney needed cleaning. They also needed to butcher two rabbits, so Carlo gave a hand.

We pray that to even those, who are dull of hearing when it comes to the truth, our witness in the practical will speak loud enough, that one day they will get God's message.

### *New Bible Study...*

God is blessing the Bible study in Campo Calabro. We are reading through the book of Mark. The meeting is on Saturdays in the afternoon at Rocco Brigante's house, in the basement. Beside those young guys, who teamed up with Carlo from the beginning (Francesco Spezzano and Carmelo Cotroneo), and beside the idea to disciple Rocco, God had added others to the group.

Rocco's mom, Mariella, and Carmelo's mom, Carmela is part of the study. Eventhough they are both active in the Catholic church and strongly believe the church's doctrine, they enjoy the study and really eager in asking questions and knowing more of the Bible.

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Vincenzo, the bicycle guy was one time spontaneously invited to the study. He got very excited, and was asking when the next meeting will be. He is there ever since.

Giuseppe and Demetrio, father and son, come to the study as well. They are evangelical and like to visit the different denominations.

Please pray for each one of them that through this Bible study they will understand who Jesus is in their life. Pray also that God would protect this meeting, and will be faithful in working out His purpose in all our lives and through this study.

### *The fellowship in Bagnara...*

The fellowship in Bagnara continues every Sunday. We are studying the book of Exodus. Please continue to pray for the salvation of this family in the fellowship; Michelangelo + his wife, Janett + their daughters Sabrina and Nancy + Nancy's boyfriend, Domenico.

### *Other opportunities...*

Carlo is always on the lookout for any and every opportunity to share Jesus and just be there. Couple of weeks ago he read an announcement online of a conference for prevention of drugs and alcohol. This meeting was organized by the region in a public school down in the city of Villa San Giovanni (about 40 minutes in distance from us).

Together with Francesco Spezzano they went down. They were armed with New Testaments hoping to share with some students and teachers the good news. They found out that the region is introducing a new program in every school with the help of the EU and they certainly didn't like these 'religious fanatics' on site. Basically they were kicked out.

However, the next day Carlo found out from a San Roberto city hall officer that they are planning to do the same in the local schools. We are praying that this time they would welcome the evangelical community's participation and that Jesus would approve all permissions.

God bless you!