



NEWS FROM THE GIRARDS IN AREZZO, ITALY



GREETINGS TO YOU IN JESUS NAME!

June 2020

We are excited that since quarantine has lifted we feel like our hands are back on the plow! The harvest is ripe. People are worn out from all the fear mongering, all the hopelessness they passed through the last months, and all the anxiety that Covid-19 has caused. So, it's a great time to preach the gospel, and we find that many people have evaluated what's truly important to them.

First and foremost, we have a deadline with our farm- Maranatha Grasscutter Breeding. We need \$3,500 by the end of the month or we lose the property, as the owner will not hold the property for us any longer. If you remember, we have paid 70% of the farm but the balance has been put on hold during Covid-19 as many families who wanted to donate could not due to loss of income or employment, which is understandable. Would you consider helping us? EVERY DONATION you send into WOC will be put towards the farm to pay it off by the end of the month, as well as a large chunk of our personal income. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO TRULY SACRIFICED YOUR FINANCES AND GAVE WITHOUT SPARING. Paul taught believers that they will reap generously from God if they sow generously, let this be your life motto in everything. Right before covid we found a much better property by the river, which means that they can feed and water the animals FOR FREE. Frank already has 2 men lined up for hire, who will daily cut grass to feed the animals. It will save us a large amount of money having them at this location, and there is a bungalow already built where Frank will sleep and guard the animals day and night. Email us if you do not remember why we are starting this farm, and we will share with you the purpose of this work. The most amazing thing though is that Frank has been ALL OVER Lagos (Nigeria) letting the restaurants and even McDonalds know about his farm and they are anxiously waiting for him to be their local provider. There are NO other grasscutter farms in his entire city. We know that this farm will explode from day one and employ MANY of Nigeria's most vulnerable.

Nicolas and I and 2 of our workers have visited women in the streets now twice. Because of Covid-19 they were not allowed to go out and work, but they also have bills to pay and need to eat. Now we are sad to say that the virus did NOT slow down the rings of prostitution, rather many women have moved to online, live "sex streaming". Others have transitioned indoors and are using their homes running it like a brothel (which is illegal). During the lockdown, men were likely just filling out forms saying they were heading to work, but really heading to visit a prostitute. The unfortunate problem with this is that it is hidden and very organized and in some ways, the girls can be harder to reach online than in person. This summer our team will receive training on how to reach the girls online and begin this new venture. Currently, we are only seeing 2-4 girls out on the streets each time we go out. In Arezzo our police friend has estimated about 400 prostitutes are working from home. Just recently next to Nicolas' office building there is a "wellness center" where men in Bentleys, Rolls Royces and Ferraris come in and out all day. Alas, his coworkers have closed an eye at it all these months, but Nicolas could not let it go. He reported it to his police friend (who works on the anti-human trafficking task force) and he will be investigating it. Sometimes, this is all it takes to break past the indifference barrier and potentially save a life: pay attention and make a simple phone call! But Linda (whom we met over Christmas and wept desperately with us) and a new girl were on the street this week and we took them food and will take them clothes and other things they need next week. You donations also help us cover these costs.



Leia delivering food to Linda



*Yams, chicken, rice, onions, potatoes.
Linda and Beauty were very thankful!*



*Leia interviewed by Oklahoma
University in Arezzo's director Kirk
Duclaux on social justice and human-
trafficking*

As far as our local church goes, we are still under heavy restrictions, just like all other evangelical and catholic churches. We must wear masks during the service and keep people 1 yard apart. So I don't attend with the kids yet because it means we are too many in our building. We don't know how long they will keep these restrictions on us, so as a church we are starting to move into people's back yard where there are NONE of these restrictions. I believe we are hosting a service in July. Nicolas is preaching several times a month and we continue discipling people through Healing for the Nations ministry.

We pray you and your family are ABUNDANTLY BLESSED SUMMER! As always thank you for all your prayers and donations that keep us spreading the good news of Jesus Christ in Italy! We are in this together.

Blessings,

Nicolas, Leia, Eva, Elise, Sophie, Isaiah and Olivia

PRAYER REQUESTS

We covet your prayers! This month please agree with us on:

- That all the funds to purchase the land in Nigeria will come through in due time
- Linda and the other girls on the street
- Justice be served and high-end prostitution rings be exposed

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