



NEWS FROM THE GIRARDS IN AREZZO, ITALY



Greetings to you in Jesus' name!

November 2020

We wanted to share good news with you about what is happening despite the tensions arising about Covid19 and the elections in the USA.

Lately, we've had many open doors to do one-on-one work with individuals. People have been contacting us from all over the world, believers who are stuck in destructive cycles or struggling in their relationships (as many of us are, we just aren't all ready to admit it yet). So, we have been plowing forward doing one-on-one work via Zoom with some young adults, teens, as well as older people. It has been incredible! We've seen families do a full 180-turn after facing their own strongholds and ungodly beliefs in a short time. Leia has also been receiving some training from a professionally trained therapist/counselor/psychologist to help her go farther in counseling, which has been incredible. We have been working with up to 6 or more people a month. **WE HAVE OUR FIRST HEALING FOR THE NATIONS 2-DAY RETREAT VIA ZOOM IN 3 WEEKS! We have acted our skits, are using props, and have prepared teachings for this weekend event and hope it will be the first of MANY for the upcoming winter and spring. Please be in prayer for our Team which is us and Barbara and Lorenzo to have a special anointing to be able to transmit these life changing teachings via Zoom! The Holy Spirit is not limited to the web teachings!**

We did have some time of grieving over the loss of a very important person to us. Pastor Kit Tabor, who brought Leia to the Lord, passed last week. He had a very special place in both of our lives as he not only lead her to the Lord, but also sent her off to be in ministry, Bible school, and has supported us as missionaries ever since. New Life Covenant Church (where he pastored) has by far been our biggest support system since we went on the mission field in 2003. We would not be where we are today if not for his obedience to the Lord. Kit was there when we got married and had our first baby. We attended his funeral online and it was just amazing. It was so beautiful and a true celebration. Exactly as he always said he wanted. Worship music, balloons, peanuts, and bright colors. We do not mourn as the world mourns, but we mourn with hope. He had contracted covid-19 and seemed to be doing well, but then suddenly took a turn for the worse and died shortly after. Our church family in Wichita, Kansas will continue to be in our prayers, and we rejoice Kit is with his beloved Jesus, yet feel a loss here on earth.



Pastor Kit at our wedding in 2003

Italy is going back on partial lock down. Do you remember in March and April we were forced to stay on our property for 60 days? Only with one exception, one family member at the grocery store per week. Well, this is the direction they are going again. We don't want to get into the politics of all this. But the bottom line is that here we operate on socialized health care. In order to not over run our health care system, they are again trying to flatten the curve. But there are major protests about this in Rome and most main cities, and some are even getting violent. A nation-wide shut down could be what brings Italy to its economical death, especially before Christmas, and we don't believe a full shut down is a good idea.



*Showing riots in Rome on
31-Oct-2020*

The possibility of not leaving our property (possibly starting Nov 8th) until after New Year is on the table. They government isn't being exactly clear about what they are or aren't shutting down yet, but "non-essential" things like gyms, sports, pool, restaurants, coffee shops and such are already closing. There is a very good chance they will shut down churches again soon too. In all this, we put our trust in Jesus. On a practical side; Nicolas' job is safe. He works for luxury furniture contractor, and through the covid crisis the rich stay rich, so he has not lost a single paycheck. We are all still waiting, as we speak, for more announcements about what and when things are shutting down.

We continue to build the farm in Nigeria. It has been NOTHING short of a true miracle that we own the property and are in the process of making cages and getting animals. A DONATION OF ANY AMOUNT HELPS US. We have been supporting Frank and his family to just eat. Much of the world's poor has really struggled during covid19, especially in a country like Nigeria. We still need \$4,000 to pay all the construction work on the house. We are walking in faith. God will provide all our needs to bring this project to completion soon so that we can begin to hire and help the extremely poor in Lagos, Nigeria.

- Leia is now leading worship most Sundays with Eva on the Ukulele and on vocals with her. This is going very well.
- Nicolas is preaching often and encouraging the church in this difficult time.
- Our children are thriving and we have never felt closer as a family before. This is such a blessing.
- Leia is in driver's school to finally get her Italian license as the law requires. The Italian driver's written exam is an extremely difficult one. She might have to test this week already because the DMV is likely to shut down.
- We will be staying home through the holidays, unless some miracle happens and we can actually travel to Switzerland to see Nicolas' family.
- Though Nicolas has not lost paychecks, we have given so much to the farm that our bills have been a bit outstanding this year as we've seen taxes go up. Any extra end-of-year tax-deductible donation would be an enormous help if you're looking for a place to give. We thank you as any amount helps.
- We hope to also begin training on how to reach women being trafficked via internet. Girls are not out on the streets, but they are working from their homes. But this takes a series of trainings to be able to reach women via the web safely and efficiently.

As you can see on the next pics, the kids are well. Yes, Olivia is in every single picture. No, we make no apology :-)



Thanks again for all your prayers, notes, support and donations. We are truly blessed to have you all in our lives.

Love you all!

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

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